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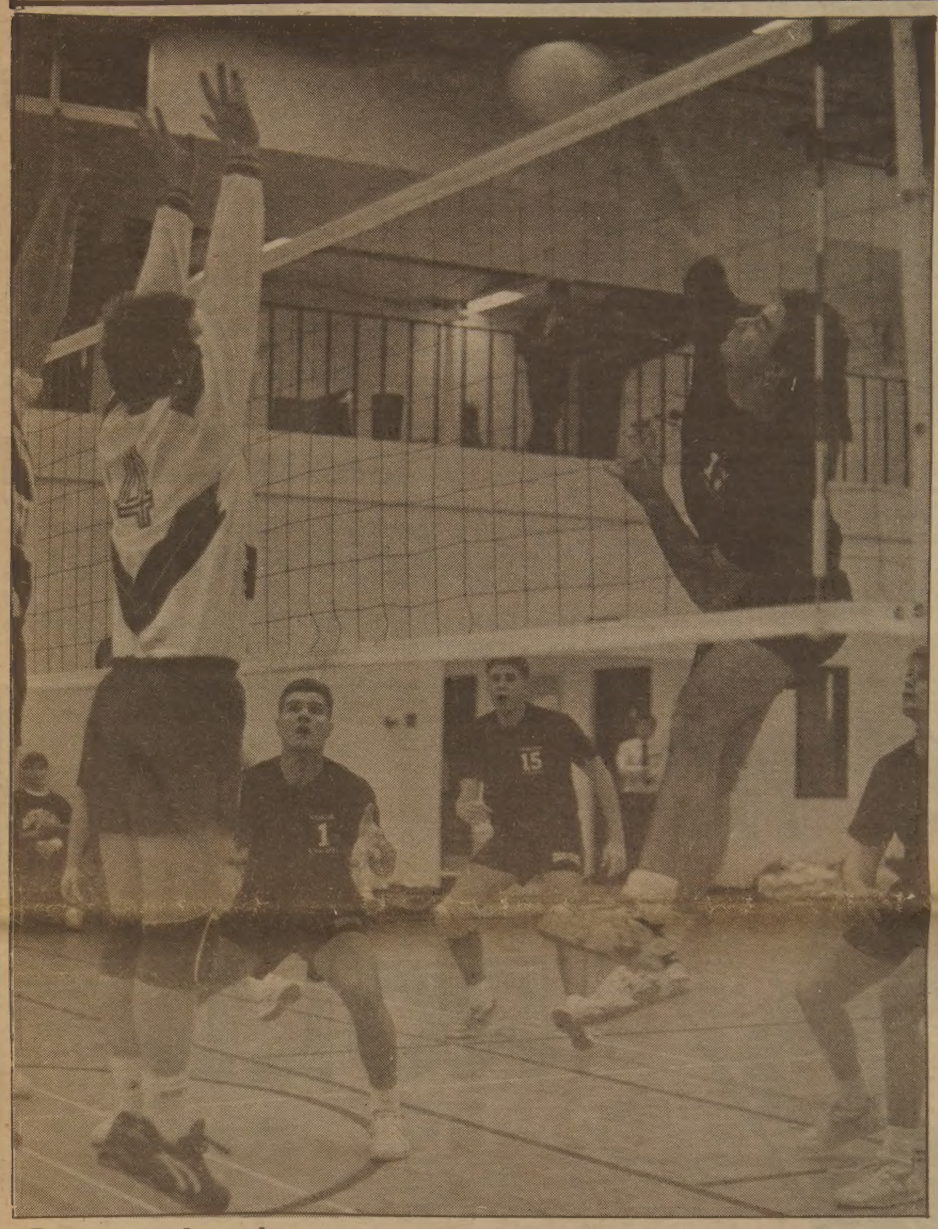


In your face!

Second-year Niagara College business marketing student Fernando Colavecchia spikes a decisive cannonball past George Brown blockers in Niagara Knights men's volleyball action last Thursday. The Knights harnessed the Huskies with three wins, two defeats. See story, page 12. Photo by Jason Darrah

Over $100,000 spent

New fire alarm network, emergency lighting, smoke detectors all help improve safety on Welland campus

By SANDRA GOLDEN
Staff Writer

Niagara College in Welland is having its fire system updated at a cost of $113,000.

The work began in mid December.

The work is being done by Joe Howard CR Ltd. from St. Catharines, an electrical consulting engineering company, and Cyril B. Smith Electric Ltd. from Vineland, an electrical contracting and motor repair company. Kevin Smith from Joe Howard CR Ltd., Richard Hendriks, project co-ordinator from Cyril B. Smith, and Gary Guzda, a physical resource technician at the college, attended a meeting earlier this week to discuss the work.

The existing annunciators in Voyageur building are being replaced by a new one in Hennepin Hall. The new panel will be on the right hand side as you enter the front doors. An annunciator is a colored panel that indicates to a firefighter or security person exactly at what area on campus an alarm has been pulled. The new location will make the panel more accessible to firefighters in the event of an emergency. There will be new pull stations installed which will be also interconnected to a central control panel which can be monitored by security. The system called 'the network system' is made possible by multiplex cable in a manhole near the student centre.

"There is a four-inch duct and that runs between buildings," said Patrick Jamieson, plant and property manager at the college. "This is what will house the cables to the nerve centre of the fire alarm panel. All buildings will be linked to Hennepin. So there'll be one central location."

There will be some new emergency lighting installed. The emergency lighting goes on in the event of a power failure and is powered by batteries. There will be new heat and smoke detectors installed throughout the college.

Provisions for a fan shutdown system have been incorporated in the building but the actual system will be completed at a later date.

The work to update the fire system is scheduled for completion by March 31.

Everybody do the funky snowflake!

The 25th Anniversary Social Planning Group has organized a Blizzard of '77 Dance for tomorrow.

A best story-telling contest, remembering the blizzard of 1977, will be held.

Two donated door prizes will be awarded consisting of gift certificates from Chaps restaurant, on Highway 58 near Brock University, and a second restaurant yet to be named.

Joanne Miani, organizer of the event, said she had a "positive outlook" regarding the dance. She is hopeful the dance will equal the 150 people who attended the Halloween dance held Oct. 26.

25 YEARS OF XXV EXCELLENCE

The dance will take place tomorrow at the college's Welland campus cafeteria from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Contest include: funniest toque, scarf and earmuffs; a lip-sinc contest and trivia questions. DJ Russ Henry will supply the music. Tickets can be purchased for $7 at all 25th Anniversary locations at the campuses.

Service reduces evening walk worries

By CINDY HARRIMAN,
and KATHERINE TOWNE
Satff Writers

The Car Walk Service, which will ensure Niagara College evening students safe access to their cars in the company of law and security students, will begin in the next few weeks at the Welland and St. Catharines campuses.

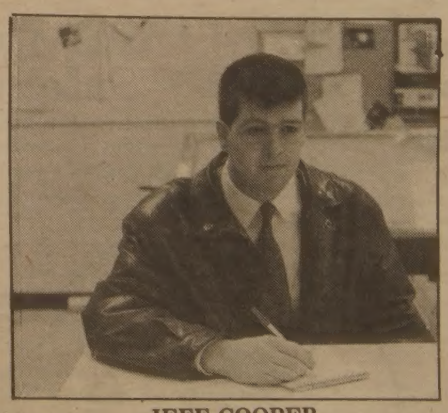
Well-lit lots and short walking distances preclude offering the service at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

The service, offered Monday through Thursday, is for students enrolled in evening courses. Day students leaving the college buildings late at night will be able to use it as well, said Bette Ferguson, director of student services.

"Anybody who is here in the evening could avail themselves of the service," Mrs. Ferguson said, adding it is not limited to women.

The service will not initially be offered to day students leaving in the early evening. "If we think it is necessary for day students leaving the campus in the dark, we'll look into it," Mrs. Ferguson said.

Students wishing to use the service will be told to go to a central point, where they'll meet their escorts.



JEFF COOPER

"This is a pilot project. We're using all law and security students. . . We think it will be a good project for the whole group."

About 23 law and security students were interviewed and given a written test, most of them will probably be hired as escorts, Mrs. Ferguson said.

"We're very pleased with the calibre of students that have applied."

Escorts will be paid $6 an hour. Working hours will vary, depending on when the service is needed.

Jeff Cooper, second-year law and security student, was hired to co-ordinate the service. He will handle scheduling for the escorts.

Mr. Cooper, 20, said in the hiring process for the escorts, "they had a criteria set for the position of co-ordinator and I fit what they were looking for."

He said his duties will include scheduling, working on the payroll and assisting in setting up the service, in addition to being an escort himself.

"I think the service is something that will benefit the safety and security of students attending night classes," Mr. Cooper said.

The service is being funded partly by student services money, and partly by $18,000 in special safety grant funding the college received from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities which is to be used for safety purposes, Mrs. Ferguson said.

"I think everybody is very enthusiastic about (the service). We feel that it's a very pro-active move on the part of the college," she said.

"We're anxious to get it off the ground now that we've done all the work."

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ANNE AUDET-GIROUX

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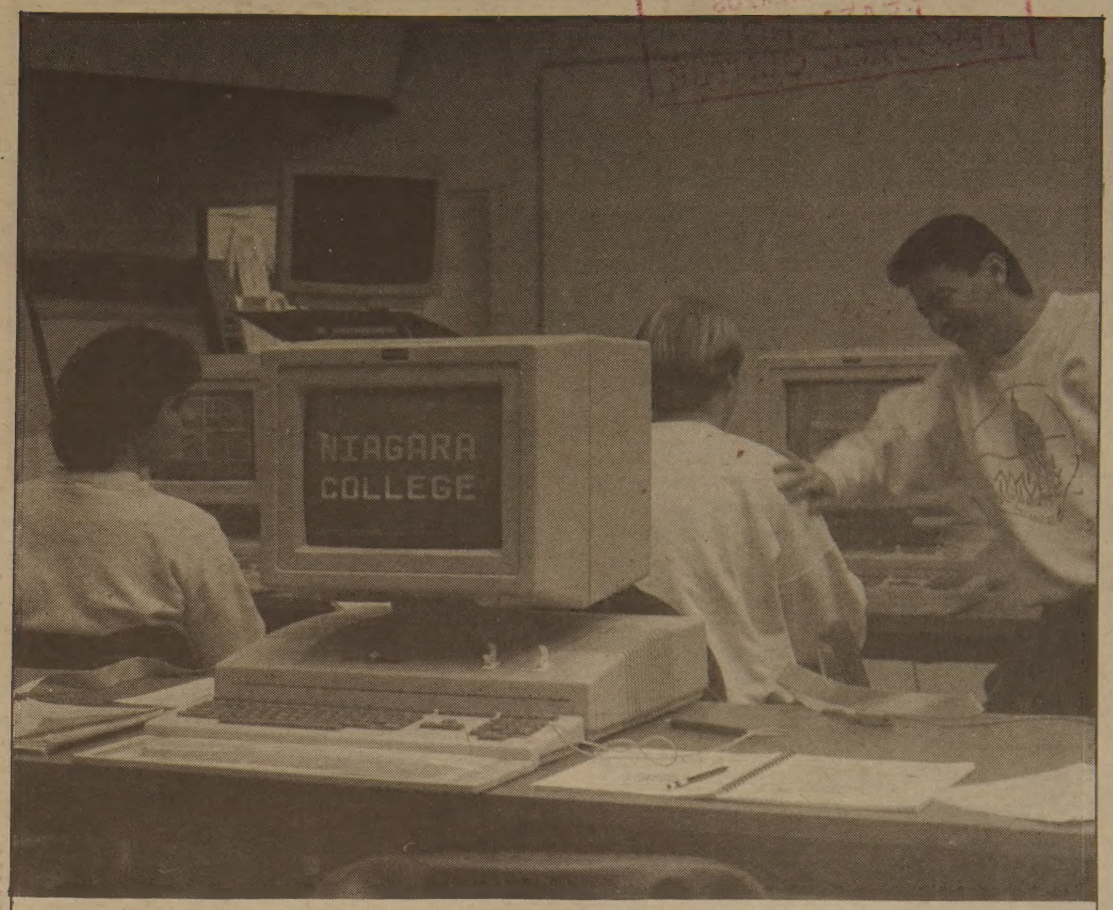

Modem

Computer comrades share a technological joke in a computer lab created for computer-aided design in Voyageur room 12. Applicon computer terminals with hard disk drives are used. The computer "designs objects" and, prior to use, the screen amiably reads Niagara College. Students may not use this particular room without the educator being present.

Photo by Mark Denis

'Snow fun without you

Get ready to freeze your buns, scavenge for weird trophies, compete in campus events or just rock and laugh with returning musician/comedian Bob Lambert. Wintercourse is coming!

The Student Administrative Council has scheduled the week of Feb. 17-21 for Wintercourse activities. Tentatively planned activities include a three-day scavenger hunt; euchre, air hockey, and pool tournaments; earth ball; winter baseball; a party in After Hours; and of course, the ritual polar bear dip.

Besides being an escape from the daily mundane college responsibilities, Wintercourse offers students a chance to meet comrades from other programs while enjoying free events and entertainment.

Prizes ranging from $50 cash to key chains, and T-shirts and sweatshirts to wallets will be abundant. Meanwhile, some items in the scavenger hunt, like canned food, will be given to charity afterward.

Master plan to be announced

The 10-year master plan for Niagara College is being released to specific college groups although official release to the community isn't slated until the Feb. 6 board of governors meeting.

The master plan outlines the major restructuring of campuses and programming for the college, largely focusing on a new, central St. Catharines campus.

David Schleich, vice-president of academics, instrumental in drawing up the plan, last week released the meeting schedule.

The college's ad hoc property committee was briefed on details of the master plan earlier this week.

A meeting is set for Feb. 7 with faculty and support staff union locals to discuss the plan.

On Feb. 11, Mr. Schleich will hold public forums to discuss the plan at the Welland and St. Catharines campuses. The Welland meeting takes place in the Hamilton Room at 3:30 p.m.

A public meeting is set for Feb. 13 in the lecture theatre at the Niagara Falls campus, while a meeting for the City of Welland is set for Feb. 18.

Five days of consecutive meetings, beginning Feb. 24, will present the plan, respectively, to the academic studies department, math instructors, English instructors, applied arts instructors and community services. Times and places for these final five meetings are yet to be announced.

Booze boosts jobs

Longer hours elicit positive reactions

So far, so good.

That's the opinion of Donna Flutur, Niagara College's student centre manager, on the impact of the expanded alcohol serving hours at After Hours, the pub in the Student Centre.

The 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. opening, in place since late December, has "helped financially," and has elicited a "positive reaction" from students, said Mrs. Flutur. Although having only preliminary data, she said the new arrangement "is promising."

The added hours have also been a boost to student employment, she said.

Mrs. Flutur said there has been "no negative feedback" from either faculty or administration concerning students behavior since the hours were extended. "No one is abusing the lunch hour." She said all bar employees are trained in the Server Intervention Program and can exercise their own judgment in handling potential problems.

She attributes the bar's afternoon popularity to the "social atmosphere" the pub provides, with music, pool tables, and the game room offering students a relaxed atmosphere.

Mrs. Flutur said "most lunch hours surpass" the bar totals for the 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. openings.

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Invitational Education makes college environment 'feel good'

By ARMANDO BARBARITO
Staff Writer

More than 100 people recently attended a lecture aimed at making students and faculty "feel good" about being in school.

"Invitational Education" is a theory co-developed by Dr. John Novak, a professor at Brock University in St. Catharines, which concentrates on the entire school environment, including the interplay between various groups, school rules and policies. The theory tries to create an environment in which "students feel good about learning and teachers feel good about teaching," he said.

DR. JOHN NOVAK

Niagara College's Program 101, based on Dr. Novak's Invitational Education theory, is open to all interested college personnel. The course is designed to have people become more involved in the issues that affect teaching, learning, and everyone's well-being at the college. Dr. Novak's Invitational Education theory will be used to enhance staff and students' experience at the college.

Dr. Novak delivered his speech to college staff and representatives from local boards of education last Wednesday at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

Dr. Novak said "good teachers adjust to their students, and good teachers see themselves as good teachers."

"There are not magic methods to teaching. People are much more sophisticated. A university degree is not a guarantee that you will be a good teacher — interacting with your students and coming to some kind of compromise is," Dr. Novak told his audience.

"He was interesting in his approach," said Ed Wilson, consultant of human resources developments at the college. "His teaching style is congruent to his content. I found it difficult to disagree with what he discussed. He had humor and logical content in his presentation."

Valerie Grabove, Niagara College 101 Program co-ordinator, stated: "I enjoyed it (Dr. Novak's speech) tremendously. Humor and content is one of Dr. Novak's greatest fortes."

Although Dr. Novak is not scheduled to lecture at the college in the near future, Niagara will be holding a retreat in March for two dozen faculty members to discuss Dr. Novak's theory.

For more information on Niagara College Program 101, telephone Valerie Grabove at (416)735-2211, ext. 7741.

News for IEEE

New executive, equipment

The new year brings a new executive and new equipment for the Niagara College student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

At a recent election, the student branch 1992-93 executive was chosen. The members are as follows: Ryan Hanlin, chairman; Darren Twyford, vice-chairman; Keith Hawkins, treasurer; and Dan Braun, secretary.

The student branch received 70 per cent of the funding from IEEE Region 7 (Canada) to help purchase a plotter for student members' use.

The Hewlett-Packard draftpro is the latest version of the DXL plotter valued at $5,000. Used in the production of large scale computer-assisted design schematics, the printer should be available for use by early March. Herb Hill, student branch chairman, said there is only one plotter at the college available for use. "It's going to take a lot of pressure off the Niagara College plotter."

Student members Bob Holder, Sean Purcell and Mr. Hill attended a dinner on Jan. 20 to honor past-chairmen of the IEEE Hamilton section. Niagara College technology instructor Gorden Chen was the keynote speaker at the dinner where a panel discussed the progress of the electrical and electronics industry. At the dinner, Mr. Hill said the IEEE presented a 30-foot-long banner to the student branch to bring back to the college.

Mr. Hill said the executive are planning activities for members during the winter. "We may go skating, and it's never too early to plan golf," he said referring to the second-and-a-half annual IEEE Golf Day in the spring.

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SAC, Versa prepare new meal deal

By MARK NESBITT
Staff Writer

The food service provided in the Student Centre is now being indirectly operated by the Student Administrative Council, under terms of a proposad agreement between SAC and Versa Foods.

The tentative agreement, although not yet signed by both sides, went into effect Jan. 23, giving SAC ultimate financial responsibility for profits and losses but leaving the staffing and purchasing in the hands of Versa management.

The Student Centre received no rent or other monies from Versa for the use of the space.

culminating in the current agreement.

Mr. Moon said the current agreement was "the best for both parties."

In detail, the proposed arrangement calls for the hiring and maintenance of staff, the food purchasing and other clerical details to be left in the hands of Versa, with all financial responsibilities to be handed over to SAC.

In addition, SAC will pay a monthly fee to Versa, and will keep whatever profit or pay any deficit remaining at each month's end.

Mr. Moon said under the new agreement, he would no longer be "competing with myself" by operating the service out of the Student Centre. He said the service in the pub had been running at a break even level. He wished SAC good luck in its venture.

Donna Flutur, Student Centre manager, said she thought the food service had been running at a profit, and this was "the only route we can take to make money" from the operation.

She said the new agreement involved some financial risk for SAC but it is "a risk we're willing to try."

He wished SAC good luck in its venture

Simon Moon, district manager of Versa Foods, said the agreement was completed after the company's 90-day trial period of service at the Student Centre expired. A number of proposals and counter-proposals were swapped between the two parties,

Hitchcock presents Rae's increase 'isn't fair'

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

Student Administrative Council President Eric Hitchcock says last week's announcement that provincial transfer payments to colleges and universities will be held to a one per cent increase next year "isn't fair."

Although more than 100 University of Toronto students protested the tuition increase last week, no students at Niagara College protested the approximate $76 increase in tuition fees to returning students, or $69 for new students.

Mr. Hitchcock said the announcement by Ontario Treasurer Floyd Laughren could hit some students hard when they're already having trouble paying tuition.

"I don't think it's fair for (the provincial government) to target the students for budget cuts," he said. "People getting laid off could also have trouble going back to school."

"I pay for my tuition and it's tough," he said. He questioned the logic behind making cuts to education expenditures. "We're going from an industrial-based province to service-based. Service personnel need to be educated. (Education) makes our labor force more accessible."

However, he said he was not totally opposed to the cutbacks. "We're going to suffer now for long-term gain."

Regarding the lack of response at Niagara College one student in After Hours, who preferred to remain anonymous stated, "It's just a sign of the apathy on (our) campus."

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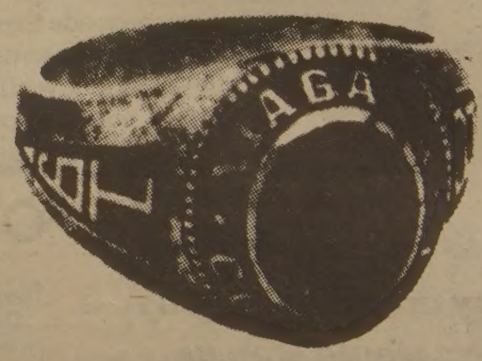

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Clarification

In a report published Jan. 17, 1992 on page 3 of the Niagara News, headlined "Offer of 3.5 per cent on table" the management offer in the faculty contract negotiations should be clarified.

The management offer is a 3.5 per cent salary/benefit package, with no catch-up offer. The union proposes a salary increase to match the Ontario government's projected inflation rate of 5.6 per cent this year and 3.7 per cent next year with a catch-up of 5 per cent in each of these next two years.

The 275 unionized instructors, with their counterparts at 22 Ontario colleges, have worked without a contract since Aug. 31, 1991.

Editorials

New age necessity

Be politically correct

We need to remember the following blanket phrase if we're going to survive the '90s: politically correct. We must all endeavor to be politically correct.

It's the green scene — enviro-friendly "darling, is that biodegradeable plastic or what?" Don't forget the three R's: reduce, reuse, and recycle. Never, never use an ozone-abusive styrofoam cup with chlorofluorocarbons. Don't forget your canvas bag when shopping, or better yet, buy one from an upscale store and then go shopping.

If you're into the new age, remember that you don't do meat, at least not red meat. We do not eat frozen irradiated veggies! Veggies must be fresh and, of course, organic.

The men have it the worst: this is the time of male bonding. A time to go back to the woods, beat a few drums and learn what women already know: how to express emotions!

Yikes, we can't forget gender bias. No longer can we fall down a manhole. Only a maintenance hole! Committees are chaired by chairs, not by a chairman and the list goes on.

Have a good decade folks, and remember: be absolutely politically correct.

Diana Harris

Invading 'vehicular space'

After a hard day at school (or work), our only thought is to drag ourselves out to the car, turn on the ignition, crank up the tunes, and drive — forget about the stresses of the day in the restful, personal sanctuary of our cars.

Imagine, once happily ensconced behind the wheel, secured by the seat belt, looking through the windshield and having one's gaze suddenly met by a pamphlet or piece of paper flapping unconcernedly in the breeze, held onto the windshield by the wiperblades.

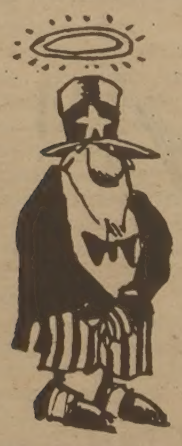
Egads! Is there anything more annoying?

We pay $75 per year for permit parking and all the free loose paper advertising we can get. This advertising ensures continued pollution of our roadsides (as much of it ends up on the ground) and continued destruction of our endangered forests. For those of us with these concerns in mind, it contributes to paper build-up in the backseat of the car, so one can enjoy the musical rustle upon every acceleration, and one's children have something to throw at each other during the inevitable car fight. Not to mention the potential heart failure when one spies long, slim, pink slips placed strategically on the windshield looking uncomfortably like a ticket of some kind (until, with relief, the realization hits that everyone in the lot has one).

The advertising could just as easily be done with a few posters stapled to the bulletin boards or hydro poles, or inserts slipped into the Niagara News instead of indiscriminately shoved under wiper blades.

It's time we made known our resentment of the abuse of our paper resources in this manner, and the invasion of our vehicular space by unnecessary advertising. We don't pay this kind of money for this kind of non-service.

Carol Anne Hunt



"We are going to lift this nation out of hard times inch by inch and day by day, and those who would stop us had best step aside."

George Bush

Letters welcomed

The Niagara News welcomes letters from readers. Letters to the editor should be kept brief and must include the writer's name, program and telephone number. Letters must be signed, pen names will not be accepted. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters, but will take every precaution to preserve the core of the writer's point of view or argument. Letters should be left at the newsroom of the Niagara News, Second floor, Simcoe Building by noon Wednesdays.

Letters to the Editor

Christmas correction

Dear Editor:

I am writing to congratulate the editors of the Niagara News for the quality of the editorials and articles in the paper. At the same time I wish to make a correction.

The Children's Christmas Party, held on Dec. 15, 1991 in the main cafeteria, was not the first of its kind. I well remember one given in December 1969 or 1970 in the same cafeteria where I was asked to do some playmaking with approximately 20 children. Much to my horror I was given at least 75 children between the ages of two years and 10 years all clamoring to take part. "The Show went On" to the delight of the children — I'm not sure of the reaction of the audience!

I realise that you reported the information that you were given but I wanted to let your readers know that even in those "olden days" we cherished the young!

Thank you for sending me the Niagara News; it is much appreciated and read with enjoyment.

Yours sincerely,
Norah Morgan
1968-1980

Tech program three years

Dear Editor:

In your issue of Jan. 17, 1992 (page 7) there was a short article recording the surveying activity that third-year students carry out on the campus. We thank you for this promotion.

I do wish to bring to the attention of your readers the fact that this is a three-year technology program; not a two-year program that the technician title would imply. This three-year aspect is mentioned early in the original article, and reinforced at the end when it is reported that a student enroled in the Mohawk technician program transferred to Niagara's three-year technology program.

I believe the placement record and the high standing the program enjoys among employers speaks to the quality of instruction provided by those in the Technology Division involved in the program.

A.P. Backler
Director, Technology Division

Olympic hopeful thankful

Dear Editor:

Darren O'Neal and we his family would like to express our most heartfelt thanks to all staff and students who so very generously contributed towards the very successful Stag and Doe Casino night.

We would also like to thank the staff and students of the Niagara News, especially Shannon Stranges for her story on Darren. A very special thank you to the originators and organizers, Nancy and Marcel Turpin, Veronica Merwitz, Wendy and Kerry Nicholls and Sharon and Albert Daudelin, Paul Nemy of Fonthill Lumber for his continuous support and generous prize donations, and the Sunburst Steel Band. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Ken and Diane Eller for their support and motivation.

At present, Darren is at a training camp in Florida under the direction of the Provincial Coach Mirek Mazur. He will complete his training in the United States; returning home in April. If the 1992 Olympics do not become a reality this time he hopes to make the National team and keep his sights on the next set of Olympics.

Your interest in Darren's cycling career and the generosity you have extended is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,
John, Sharon,
and Jay O'Neal

Class reps did good job

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the first-year Business Administration students I would like to take this oppo rtunity to formally thank the 14 class representatives for all their assistance in the past fall term. These enthusiastic individuals participated in regular bi-monthly meetings, contributed greatly to extensive curriculum review meetings and planned a very successful Christmas Social. A sincere thankyou to Jason Berger, Bill Bisson, Cynthia Blank, Rob Burwash, Frances Castelli, Rob Duemo, Warren Dyck, Cheryl Embury, Barb Lamoureux, Jerry Reid, Kelly Rutherford, Brad Sawyer, Kirk Smith and Cris Tomassetti.

Debbie Gilmore
Coordinator — First Year
Business Administration

Fushtey takes security personally

It's his life as well as his job.

'It keeps me going.'

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

Niagara College experienced a rash of locker break-ins last semester, at a rate of four per week. This term, only one locker theft has been reported. For many years, the college has been a safe place for students and staff, with almost none of the incidents, like assault, which haunt other campuses.

The security staff here must be doing something right.

One guard takes security on campus personally. It's his life as well as his job.

"This is what keeps me alive," says Mathew Fushtey or "Matty" to his friends. The 79-year-old En-

'Security takes a certain attitude. You have to know how to deal with people...'

sign security guard works the evening and Sunday shifts in the Tecumseh Centre, on the Welland campus, where any infraction of policy becomes an insult.

He was "disgusted" with the rash of break-ins because it was a shameful violation of students' property, he said. Although a criminal was never caught "red-handed", a suspect was approached with "positive results" he said.

"Security takes a certain attitude. You have to know how to deal with people, you can't push your weight around."

Other guards, staff and students have nothing but good things to say about Mr. Fushtey, emphasizing his amiable, enthusiastic personality.

For 12 years, he has ambled the college's hallways, unlocking doors for students with late-night assignments, or providing assistance to lost tourist-like continuing education students on their first day.

Seemingly unaware of people around him, like the television-character Columbo, he keeps an inconspicuous eye on suspicious characters and a mental record of who's where on campus. He moves largely unnoticed on his route through the darkened corridors, until he meets someone who has frequented the same hallways over a number of evenings. Then his face lights up as he exchanges sincere salutations and small talk.

Occasionally, he'll surprise onlookers by darting his slight but sturdy frame to open a door for a lady or to answer a telephone.

At 79, he's healthy and happy with his work.

"The best thing to happen to me was joining the security work," recalls Mr. Fushtey. "It's not physical work all the time and you get enough exercise to keep you well. It's doing something, not like just watching television."

Being active is one of his ingredients for health and long-life, accompanied by common sense and no over indulgence.

"If you want to be in good shape, it's up to you," said Mr. Fushtey. "If you know drinking is no good for you, why drink? If you know smoking is no good for you, why smoke? And the same for over-eating."

"If you take care of yourself, you can live a long time, like my father who died at 93 and my mother who was 92 when she died."

Health-wise, he's going strong and has just returned from only two days absence after cataract surgery. Now he can work without glasses.

Mr. Fushtey didn't always enjoy the comfort of security work. Before joining Ensign, he was a welder at Union Carbide in Welland. He was lured to the city after the depression by high wages; more than he could make on his farm in Sheho, Sask., his birthplace and hometown for 28 years.

Four-and-a-half years of military service during the Second World War added to his nine years of formal education. He returned home from combat duty unscathed with a handful of memories that he holds close to his chest.

He raised a son and a daughter with his wife in Welland, and retired from the plant at 65 years of age. Eager to keep busy, but not over-worked, Mr. Fushtey applied at Ensign and worked for two years in malls and other businesses before coming to Niagara College.

In the 12 years on campus, Mr. Fushtey stated: "I have never had one major problem, not with students, not with staff, not with bosses."

He said this glistening record is entirely due to a calm and respectful attitude, along with the belief that people here are basically good.

"You've got to treat everybody as yourself, they are just people," Mr. Fushtey said, "And when a problem arises, the worst thing you can do is lose your temper. If you don't, (get mad) people like you and it's easy to solve problems."

'This is what keeps me alive.'

Looking to the future, Mr. Fushtey said, "I'd like to stay here as long as I'm able to do the work. It keeps me going. All my friends (from Union Carbide) are gone now."

However, security guards at the college from both Ensign and Barnes have been working without a contract for a year. Six companies have been asked to bid on a new contract.

Optimistically, Mr. Fushtey said that there is a good chance that even with a change of security firm, many of the guards at the college will be retained by the new company.

Not all of our guards see it this way, and some are keeping their eyes open for other jobs. Some people assume dollars and cents take a front seat to quality when institutions like our college consider new contracts in hard times. Mr. Fushtey said the college can't ignore their record.

"This school, as a whole, has had very good security. We do more than we're supposed to, where other outfits might decide 'it's not my job'," said Mr. Fushtey, listing additional services they provide, such as starting cars, escorting people into the parking lots, unlocking cars with the keys locked inside, and helping maintenance staff.

The ensuing contract bids will determine if "Matty" will be around for a while. Meanwhile, he said he enjoys working with "all the kids on campus."

Niagara College Welland campus security guard Matthew Fushtey prepares for another evening cruising the darkened hallways of the Tecumseh Centre. Photo by Jason Darrah

Locker thief targets Hamilton room area; location hardest hit by rash of break-ins

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

The first locker break-in this semester was reported last Tuesday at 4 p.m. The theft occurred in the corridor behind the Hamilton room, the location hardest hit by a rash of break-ins last term.

Although one coat was stolen, another coat in the locker, of greater value, was left behind.

Linda Maidens, campus buildings supervisor, said the break-ins from last term are probably connected incidents and "there were some suspicions and we are watching somebody. We've been in contact with the police to see where we stand and get some assistance from them. This student is under close surveillance."

"The particular person we are watching is still registered here as a student, both in the evening and the day."

"(The student) possibly has some suspicions (about being watched)," Ms. Maidens said, noting this may be a deterrent to future thefts, although she added, "it would be really nice to nail this person."

Security staff have been armed with an improved communication system. Guards carry new portable radios which enable communication between guards and instant response to emergencies called in to the college switchboard. They are less expensive, more reliable and easier to operate than the previous cellular phones.

The plague of forced locker entries last term destroyed at least 10 locker doors or closing mechanisms. In an attempt to avail lockers to new students this term, maintenance staff installed several new lockers behind the Hamilton room and repaired others.

Besides the "normal" items being stolen, Ms. Maidens said other bizarre and possibly threatening things go missing, such as house keys and course schedules. She said house keys that are later recovered from discarded stolen purses could have had copies made.

Two weeks ago, a car was broken into, the first of the term. The vehicle, parked in the new extension to lot G, had its window smashed in and cassette tapes were reported stolen.

Other theft on campus continues, including items left unattended or forgotten only momentarily in classrooms.

Ms. Maidens stressed students must take more responsibility by not leaving valuables in lockers and by bringing personal items left in classrooms by classmates to her office immediately.

She also wants to alert students to the fact there is a growing collection of unclaimed coats, books, jewelery and binders that have been turned in to her office.

Still concerned about student and staff safety, Ms. Maidens is continuing to address the issue of lighting on campus. New exterior lighting has been added to the east and west exits of Hennepin Hall while Ontario Hydro personnel are assessing more energy efficient and luminescent corridor lighting, especially in areas such as the hallway behind the Hamilton room.

Many items unclaimed

Many personal items that have been found on campus have remained unclaimed in the office of Linda Maidens, college buildings supervisor. The items include new jackets and winter coats, various other clothing, bags, jewelery, and many books, both texts and binders. If you have lost or have had stolen any such articles, claim them before they are sent to the Salvation Army.

Ms. Maidens' office is located in the Lundy building.

College seeks new security contract

Target date April 1

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

Niagara College is targeting April 1 for the installation of a new security system and the commencement of the coinciding security staff contract, after 12 months without a contract.

Linda Maidens, campus buildings supervisor, said she hopes the tender for the new contract will be sent out by this weekend, after the documents have been approved by the college's Vice-President of Administration Hans van der Slagt.

The tender will be sent to six security companies: Ensign and Barnes (the current companies dealing with the college), Trojan, Pinkerton's, Burnes, and Marriott.

The college went without a contract for a year in order to assess security needs. "We were undecided as to what kind of security we wanted," Ms. Maidens said, "and we wanted to do it properly, giving students and staff the level of security they require."

Within the tender there are stipulations for new equipment, such as new radios to accompany the portables recently purchased by the college. Ms. Maidens said she is hoping to see exterior cameras in the package deal. At night, high quality zoom-lens cameras would enable one guard to monitor most of the campus from a room in the Tecumseh centre, while the Black Walnut, Hennepin Hall and the Mackenzie buildings are secured with an alarm. During the day and the evening, cameras could better monitor areas such as receiving and the parking lots.

As for the security guards, "the successful bidder will be expected to have non-crisis intervention training," said Ms. Maidens.

She emphasizes the contract could be sealed with either of the companies who currently supply guards, and in the case that it isn't, it doesn't mean the present guards will be immediately released.

"The company we choose will probably approach us and ask if there are any current staff we'd like to keep, and there are," she said, adding, "it's in their best interest to keep staff who know the buildings and other staff, but they are not obligated to hire them if they don't fit their criteria."

The contract bids are expected to be returned by the end of February, in time for the Board of Governors' final approval.

Bob Rae day is not pay day

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Bob Rae day should never be confused with pay day.

The first-ever such provincial premier's day, Jan. 21, highlighted by an evening television performance called the Bob Rae song and dance show, had standard guest performances by the blue rodeo and the grey flannel toreadors, but failed to emulate Christmas day or the long-gone Queen's birthday, as Bob had hoped. After the show it was clear Bob Rae day will forever stand as the official opposition to Christmas day as the traditional Ontario day of giving nothing. And, like Queen Victoria herself, Bob Rae day will be long-gone forever after Jan. 21.

It all began 44 years ago when the boy-premier was not more than a boy living on the left bank of the Don Valley where everyone studied law. He dreamed of one day sitting on the left-hand side, back bench of a legislative assembly, and his heroes, Stephen Lewis and Tommy Douglas, made it so.

After many years of unofficial back-bench barking followed by five years of official opposition shouting, Bob saw his day coming Sept. 6, 1990. However, he failed to realize his victory fully until the morning of Sept. 7, when he pinched himself on the left cheek, which had already begun to lose its pinkish hue (and cry).

Finally awake by Nov. 20, another big, official day, he moved to within striking distance of the grand plan already gelling in his mind: he saw it all — Bob Rae day dead ahead in his sights. Even then, it seems clear now, he envisioned a likeness to both Christmas day and Queen Victoria day. For on that grand day just 14 months ago, from the throne, he promised Ontario $4.6 billion in unused bills from his little red (once pink) gift bag.

'let's do it ... the show must go on.'
Bob Rae

But out in the middle of the roads near the old Queen's Park, 50 lawyers laughed at their losses until they remained blue all over. "Whew," they said, "it was a close call but we made it out." And the toreadors fought on, poking and pricking fruitlessly with their weakened barbs. "Bob Rae's day is coming," both groups said. "That boy's gonna do some fancy dancing."

And so, on Jan. 21, just as planned, Bob did the juggle-the-books jig. And the only throne nearby was the one down the hall, to the left (or is that right . . . or middle?)

Overwhelmed by the majesty of his surroundings in 1990 during the speech from the real throne, Bob failed to notice the major typographical error made by one of his 60 rookie MPs, who, by the way, were chosen by drawing straws among the 5,001 Ministry of Health workers. Health worker number 10.6, now Minister of Finance, thought the $4.6 billion was for giving to the people, not the forecasted cash equivalent of lost jobs and fleeing industry in the first six months of NDP office.

So, despite the realization the choreography, musical score and script would all need rewriting for Bob Rae day, Bob said, "let's do it . . . the show must go on."

For the endless barrage of criticism and witticism bound to follow, critics should remember, even though Bob Rae day was probably a first and a last all wrapped up in one empty package, it was free, just like a welfare turkey on Christmas day or fresh air on Victoria day.

Registration office is open

A Graduate registration office, to provide job placement services for students, has opened at Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre.

Janet Forfar, career services officer, runs the office from noon to 2 p.m.

"They've always had someone who handled career services . . . but as of January, her job has changed, and it no longer includes this. It's an answer to a change; but it's an answer to a need," she said.

Ms. Forfar said the service is strictly for the hospitality and tourism students. She offers the same service the rest of the week to Welland campus students. The Horticultural Centre's students are on a co-op work term now. She will be contacting those students by mail. She works with students from Mack Centre in alternate ways.

"I'll be going into the hotel and restaurant class this week to explain the service," she said. "I just started last Monday (Jan. 20), and it takes a while before they (the students) realize what I'm doing."

The recession has taken its toll on jobs in the Niagara Region, but Ms. Forfar doesn't want people to think the service is being offered because of this.

"It (the service) is needed this year, but it is a service which is provided regardless," she said. "There's always a need. I think, of course, this year more and more people need help with job search as jobs are more difficult to find."

Ms. Forfar said time was the only problem she's had so far.

"There's lots of administrative support and encouragement; students are anxious and receptive. It's a challenge to do it in the time available — but we're doing it."

White Cane Week Feb. 2 to 8

By SUE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Feb. 2 to Feb. 8 is White Cane Week. This week has been designated to promote awareness of the needs and capabilities of the blind and visually impaired. This year's theme is Access to Information.

With your eyes closed, imagine trying to cope if you were visually impaired. Imagine the amount of information you would not be able to obtain because it was not made available for the blind. Information from newspapers, magazines, notices, messages, the list is endless. The blind have the right to access the same written material as sighted.

Although large print, braille and audio cassettes are in use, the availability is not sufficient.

Euclid Herie, president of The National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) believes the solution to this problem is through special training, and knowledgable and positive attitudes within the community and the blind individuals "...but we need the understanding and involvement of the private and public sectors," for this to be successful.

Across Canada, events and activities are planned to promote the theme. A kick-off breakfast of White Cane Week will be held at The Parkway Inn, 327 Ontario St., St. Catharines, on Feb.3 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be displays of devices used by the blind and visually impaired. Political spokespersons will be present. This is an opportunity to learn about the services of your local CNIB. This invitation is R.S.V.P. Confirm your attendance by phoning 688-0022.

Entertainment

A hand to Hanson

Latest thriller a box office success

By TARA GRIGG
Staff Writer

Packing them in at theatres throughout the country is director Curtis Hanson's *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle* — a surprise box office hit.

The movie is a thriller for the 90s and suspense is plentiful, causing audiences to sit on the edge of their seats.

Michael and Claire Bartel (Matt McCoy and Annabella Sciorra) are your typical well-off yuppies. Mr. Bartel is a genetic engineer who drives a classic car and Mrs. Bartel volunteers at a local greenhouse. She drives the typical yuppy Volvo wagon and suffers from asthma.

Rebecca DeMornay plays the live-in nanny seeking revenge. She slowly terrorizes the Bartels.

Obsessed with making money, this husband and wife fail to see what is happening to their lives. It's infuriating to see how people can be so blind to what's happening around them. Is this just for the sake of the movie or are people really this naive?

DeMornay, pregnant in the movie, is the wife of a prominent gynecologist who takes his own life after being charged with sexual assault by his patients. Claire Bartel, expecting her second baby, is the first to file a complaint after her first consultation.

A thriller for the 90's; suspense is plentiful

After the suicide of her husband and the loss of her baby because of a miscarriage, DeMornay shows up six months later at the door of the Bartels. She desperately wants her revenge. She changes her name and hopes for the job of nanny.

The Bartels have everything, two lovely children, a gorgeous white house, and a mentally handicapped man (Ernie Hudson) who they hired to build their 'white picket fence'.

DeMornay takes everything she wants one-by-one. First she gets rid of the hired help, takes over as mother of the two children, even going so far as to breast feed the new baby, and causes marital problems in an attempt to become the new Mrs. Bartel.

There is murder, bloodshed, and gore — all necessary components of a good thriller.

The ending of the movie is the best part. The tension is high as the Bartels do battle with the crazed nanny.

DeMornay is great to watch and makes this thriller a hit. *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle* is definitely the hand that rules the world at the box office.

Broc on!

Big House played at Thorold's Front 54 on Jan. 24 where the rising rock band performed songs from their self-titled debut album and some new material. Hard-grooving guitar player K.B. Broc demonstrates his skills on stage at the Front. Honeymoon Suite is scheduled to play Front 54 on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Photo by Joel Naphin

Look what's new in entertainment

After Hours, Niagara College, Welland Campus

Feb. 6, 12:30 p.m. — five-member band *Split Second*
Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m. — comedian/musician Mark LaBelle
Feb. 19, 3 p.m. — comedian/musician Bob Lambert

Hamilton room movies, Niagara College, Welland Campus

Feb. 4 — Spike Lee's **Jungle Fever**
Feb. 6 — Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder in **Another You**

Brock Centre for the Arts Film classic, St. Catharines

Feb. 7 — Carlos Diegues' **Bye Bye Brazil**

Seaway Cineplex Cinemas, Welland

starting Jan. 31, 7 p.m. — **Beauty and the Beast**
9 p.m. **Kuffs**
7 and 9 p.m. — **The Addams Family**

Brock University, International Development and the Environment presentations, 688-5550

Feb. 3, 11:30 a.m. — the National Film Board's **Trees of Hope**
Feb. 4, 11:30 a.m. — the National Film Board's **Trees of Plenty**
Feb. 5, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Development Education Fair
Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. — Panel discussion, Environment vs. Development
Feb. 6, 1:30 p.m. — Guatemalan environmental video **Burning Rivers**

Program a hit;enrolment up

This second term of its inaugural year has seen Niagara College's Welland campus Landed Immigrant's English as a Second Language program enrolment swell to a maximum of 15 students per section.

Lead teacher, Mary Lou Eden said she was excited by the enrolment numbers "because this is the first year for the program."

The Landed Immigrant English as a Second Language program is designed to help landed immigrants acquire the oral, reading and written English skills that are a prerequisite to function in other college courses.

Apart from taking English courses designed specifically for English as a Second Language students, the students are encouraged to take a math or computers course that does not require vast reading skills.

Of the 15 students, 12 are returning for their second section of the course; three joined the class mid-program.

The latter are able to join the program because they have been in Canada longer. Their English skills are more advanced, said Mrs. Eden.

Four of the returning students have challenged themselves by enrolling in English 100.

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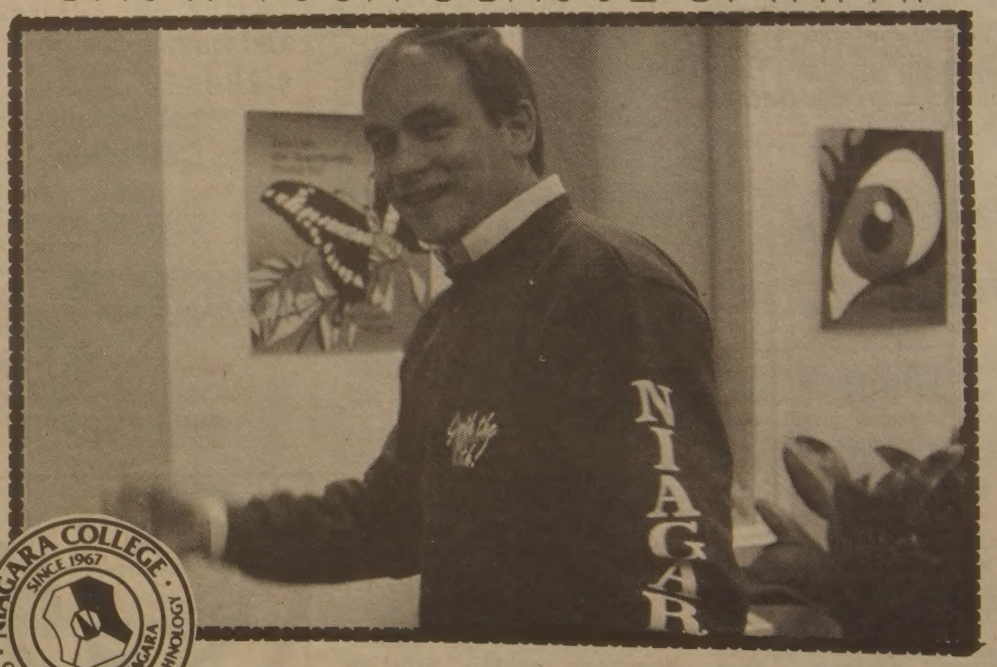

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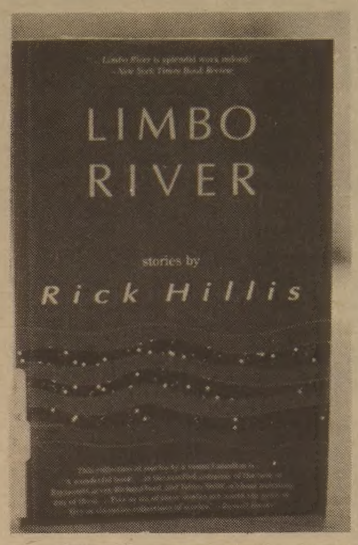
Entertainment

Destination: Limbo River

Pathetic, humorous stories

By SUSAN EATON
Staff Writer



Before deciding where to spend Spring Break, consider visiting Limbo River.

Although not as hot as Jamaica and Florida, it is equally as beautiful . . . and much cheaper.

The only cost involved in this vacation is the cost of the gas required to get to the local library, for *Limbo River* is an exquisitely crafted first collection of stories by Canadian writer Rick Hillis.

Set in western Canada, the nine stories in this impressive debut explore daily living of ordinary people whose lives have been interrupted by unemployment, alcoholism, death and physical abuse.

The gritty, truthful manner in which these stories are told is often unsettling, but at the same time Mr. Hillis manages to capture the knee-slapping, humorous side of these lives.

The stories and individual lives of the school teacher, who is unable to face the man he is inside; the three gas pipeline workers and the guitarist who has lost his arm in a farming accident, come together as a colorful kaleidoscope of circumstances, situations and locations while acting as a modern testament of human spirit.

These stories, although not all of equal literary value, explore the emotions of the human heart, in a most unromanticized, and unglorified way.

The majority of these stories are wonderful and because of their brilliance, *Limbo River* was selected from more than 250 manuscripts, winning the prestigious Drue Heinnz Literature Prize in the United States.

Limbo River is indeed a perfect Spring Break destination.

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Beauty and the Beast: a movie for young and old

By DIANA HARRIS
Staff Writer

"If it's not baroque we don't fix it," chimed the robust grandfather clock to Belle in Disney Studio's latest animated musical hit *Beauty and the Beast.*

Winner of three Golden Globe awards last week, *Beauty and the Beast,* may be the only animated film to be nominated for the Oscar's Best Picture award.

In this updated and politically-correct version of the Beauty and the Beast fairytale, the "I have biceps to spare," swaggering town heman can't win the attention of the heroine, Belle.

Belle, who prefers books to brawn, does not tolerate the beast's repeated loss of temper: she simply leaves him. This is one girl who is not co-dependent.

Having a cuppa in the beast's castle is not the usual cup of tea, especially if it's served by the delightful chubby-faced teapot and her chipped teacup son. Both the teapot and teacup voices are engagingly done by Angela Lansbury

Paige O'Hara and Robby Benson supply the voices of Belle and the beast. The beast's voice, in particular, is deep and foreboding making several members of the audience jump in their seats.

The usual Disney attention to detail is surpassed in this movie; never have animated stained glass windows had such vivid color and never has a ballroom looked so breathtakingly real. Is it technically possible? If you're Disney, the answer is yes.

This movie rates on par with *Fantasia* and judging by audience reaction, a movie for young and old alike.

European romance

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

It was the year of our Lord 1483. It was during the reign of King Richard III of England and King James Stewart of Scotland. It was a time of political upheaval, both at home in England and Scotland, and between the two countries. There was war and bloodshed, but because of that war, a love was found in Bertrice Small's *The Spitfire.*

Bestselling novel

In this historical romance novel, there are 466 pages of drama, chivalry, romance, war and politics. It is the most realistic of all historical romances now in print. Ms. Small contrived to bring her characters out realistically, with harsh realities and imperfections. It does not detract from this bestselling novel, however, it only heightens it.

Beautiful English Lady Arabella Grey, a young cousin of King Richard III, gets swept off her feet during her wedding vows to Sir Jasper Keane, protector of Lady Grey's Greyfaire Keep, by Scotsman Tavis Stewart, Earl of Dunmore and half brother of King James, who came demanding retribution for Sir Keane's murder of the Earl's fiancee. The Earl takes Lady Grey away from her homeland and, of all things, marriers her two days later. Before their wedding ceremony, Lady Grey complains about her tattered garments and asked, "Am I to be wed in this? These rags?" Before anyone knew what he was about, the Earl of Dunmore, his anger ferocious, tore the clothes from her back to leave her standing with only her floor-length blonde locks to shield her. She stood proudly and went through with the ceremony, to everyone's disbelief.

Though it may seem so, all is not lost for Lady Grey, She goes from rebelling against the Earl early in their marriage, to loving him, to leaving him and becoming an English spy in France. After she divorces him, everyone is unhappy, especially the Earl of Dunmore, for he did not consent to the divorce. But passion prevails, and Lady Grey cannot forget the feelings she received in the arms of her husband.

This novel is packed full of strange twists and turns. It tells more of English, Scottish and French history than one could find in a textbook. Masterfully weaving a love story, Ms. Small artfully executes a powerful tale of passion and intrigue.

Manage a trois

Ms. Small gave the Scottish characters realistic Scottish dialect, understandably written, of course, as well as the French. She reflects the coarseness of the times in the dialect of the people, using language normally unsuitable in ordinary literature. And her love scenes do not stop at being man with woman in a bed. In France, lady Grey experiences a manage a trois and in England, Lady Grey's mother experiences her husband with another woman.

This book crosses all the barriers erected by romance writers and readers, and does a fabulous job of it. It is by far the best romantic novel available to readers. It is an understatement to say this book would be difficult to beat.

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Come out, come out, wherever you are

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

An old English song has said, "If Candlemas be fair and bright, come, Winter, have another flight; if Candlemas brings clouds and rain, go, Winter, and not come again." This rhyme refers to the day better known to Canadians as Groundhog Day.

This day's traditions, marked on Feb. 2 each year, were brought to America from England and Germany. Traditionally, a groundhog or woodchuck comes out of hibernation from the cold winter months to search for his shadow.

If the day is overcast, therefore shadowless, the groundhog takes it as a sign of the coming of spring and stays above ground. If he sees his shadow, he will return to his home, a burrow, for an additional six weeks of winter.

Statistical evidence does not support this tradition. Is it the luck of the draw?

Groundhog Day corresponds to Europe's Candlemas, when spring planting begins. Candlemas is also

celebrated as the feast of Purification for the Virgin Mary and her sacrifices, again falling on Feb. 2. In Scotland, this day was used to foretell the weather. Feb. 2 is probably the only time good weather serves as an omen.

The power of weather forecasting has also been attributed to the bear and the badger.

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Insight

Hearts of Darkness divulges apocalyptic secrets

By MICHELLE SIEWERT
Staff Writer

Francis Ford Coppola's **Apocalypse Now**, the film which has best portrayed the American experience in Vietnam and rightfully earned its title as a 'classic', is back on the scene with its own documentary.

Hearts of Darkness: A Filmakers Apocalypse is a behind-the-scenes account of what occurred on the filming set of **Apocalypse Now**. Directed by George Hickenlooper and Fax Bahr, the footage used in the documentary was filmed by Mr. Coppola's wife, Eleanor.She shot 60 hours of footage in the Phillipines for what was to be a promotional documentary. However, as **Hearts of Darkness** shows, too many catastrophies took place for the documentary to boost sales in favor of the movie.

Apocalpyse Now is the story of a United States army captain, Willard, who is sent into the Cambodian jungle to find and assassinate colonel-gone-mad Kurtz who has a private army. The account is adapted from the novel, **Hearts of Darkness**, by Joseph Conrad.

Every day $10,000 worth of shots were wasted.' Sattoria

Mrs. Coppola manages to effectively capture many of the obstacles the crew and cast had to face. Mr. Coppola put it straightforwardly: "Every day there were 100 problems." A cinematographer on the set, Vittorio Sattoria, agreed by saying "Every day $10,000 worth of shots were wasted."

The film was expected to take 16 weeks to shoot, when the project began in 1976. That original estimate inflated into 238 excrutiating days of shooting, photographing, setbacks and problems.

The first among those was the decision Mr. Coppola made to replace the leading actor, who played the character of Willard. Harvey Keitel was fired during the first week of filming and replaced by Martin Sheen. Even that decision became a problem when Sheen suffered a near-fatal heart attack and was off the set for three weeks.

Secondly, there was a typhoon which hit the Philippines and destroyed most sets during the first few weeks **Apocalypse** was being shot. "Francis made pasta and listened to La Boheme," said his wife. "He still wanted to shoot in the rain and mud," said one cinematographer, although the damage to the sets was too extensive and production closed down for two months afterwards.

During the filming of the famous helicopter scenes, Copppola showed signs of stress, and with good reason. The Philippines Air Force agreed to rent its helicopters for the production, but ordered them back for use because of the civil war. The helicopters would randomly leave the scene of a shoot without notifying the film's director. Chaos is a mild term for what really happened in those rice fields.

If actors Dennis Hopper (the American photo-journalist) and Larry Fishburne (Clean) seemed stoned in the movie — that's because they were. Coppola had to re-write Hopper's script because he couldn't memorize long lines. Fishburne conceded to have been taking speed, marijuana and acid during his stint. Both actors can recall saying "We're not here Francis," to their very patient director. Sheen wasn't acting either during the dream sequence he played in the hotel room — he was authentically drunk in that scene. As he puts it in the documentary, "I was in a chaotic spiritual state."

'The press painted a portrait of me as a crazy person.' Coppola

When Marlon Brando arrived on the scene, he suddenly demanded $3 million for three weeks' work, much to Coppola's surprise. To add some interest along the way, it was announced that the Ithica Indians Coppola had hired as extras were headhunters. On and on go the difficulties the director, cast and crew encountered along their filming route.

"The press painted a portrait of me as a crazy person," said Coppola, "but I wasn't frightened by it." Headlines of the day from various national newspapers read 'Apocalypse when?' and 'Apocalypse forever' since the completion of the film seemed nowhere in sight.

Eleanor Coppola admits "he'd gone to the threshold of his sanity," regarding her husband's state of mind near the end. Despite all of the trials, Coppola finished the task. **Apocalypse Now** grossed $150 million in box-office sales and won two Academy Awards.

Hearts of Darkness: A Filmaker's Apocalypse is worth seeing because it will leave you astounded and stupified at what was accomplished after encountering so many problems. Coppola sacrificed everything to make his masterpiece, and brilliantly succeeded.

Choose cheese for a change

Hilary Alderson, cheese expert extrarordinaire will be holding two sessions March 1 using her "encyclopedic knowlege of cheese" at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

The two seminars, "Cheese-The Chef's Best Friend," and "Wine-and Cheese You Say?" will be televised for Global TV's "Town and Country, Ontario" and aired on 50 provincial radio stations.

"Cheese-The Chef's Best Friend," deals with magic of cheese — as an accent, as a time saver, as an honest, basic food, as an exquisite indulgence, as a course in any meal.

"Wine-And Cheese You Say?" focuses on the character variety of wines and cheeses, and the importance of serving the right cheese with the right wine.

The seminars will be held on "Cheese-The Chef's Best Friend," Sunday March 1. The first, will run from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., with lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The second seminar, "Wine-And Cheese You Say?," will run from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is $70 all day, including lunch; $50 for half-day which also includes lunch.

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Wayne and Diane Turner of St. Catharines couldn't be happier with their decision to attend Niagara College on a full-time basis after many years in the work force. The Turners say there is no question school has brought their family closer together.

Photo By Baron Bedesky

Turner family juggles homework, housework

By BARON BEDESKY
Staff Writer

The whole family is hungry including the pets. The house needs a thorough cleaning. The children need some attention. Worse yet, there seems no time left to prepare for that exam at school tomorrow.

At a time when many couples begin planning for retirement and are counting the days till the last of their brood leaves the house so they can sell the family home and move to a condominium in a warm climate, Wayne and Diane Turner deal with yet another challenge.

They are in their mid-40s, with three children aged 20, 18, and 15, a dog, a kitten, a bird, a pet ferret, and an iguana roaming throughout their St. Catharines residence. They are assistant managers for their townhouse complex. And they are both full-time Niagara College students, battling the rigors of time management in a quest for good grades, a close family, minimal stress, and perhaps a clean house.

By this January, the Turner's oldest son Wayne Jr., will be enrolled at the college. Younger son Eric will attend beginning in September of next year. Daughter Tanya is eager to join them all after she finishes high school. By 1994, all five may be attending the same college at the same time, truly a remarkable if not inspiring accomplishment.

Wayne Sr. had well over 20 years' experience working for a local auto parts manufacturer before deciding to accept a severance package due to an injury and because "jobs at the plant started drying up." Diane had performed clerical work, followed by a lengthy tenure directing and co-ordinating many programs at a local church.

The Turners' return to college after many years in the work force represents a trend in which an increasing percentage of the student body at most Ontario colleges can be classified as non-traditional. Colleges are no longer a haven exclusively for young students directly out of high school.

Diane decided she needed a little time off to combat "a burned-out feeling." Wayne stayed occupied by cooking, gardening, and building doll houses complete with miniature furniture. Even though they were keeping busy, the Turners realized they had to do something more with their lives, thus the decision to re-enter school.

After some funding details were worked out (including a sponsorship by Vocational Rehab Services of Ontario), Wayne enrolled in the quality control department

"We were on a path going nowhere before school," admits Diane.

"We weren't happy," adds Wayne "and it reflected in our work and in the home."

'We were on a path going nowhere before school.' Diane Turner

of the Industrial Engineering program and eventually wants to specialize in electronics. Dianne enrolled in the General program and is aiming for entry into the Social Workers program. Given her previous counselling experience, her goal is to work with the families of alcoholics.

"Being in school together... binds us together," says Dianne. "This family works on teamwork and we prefer to work together in school rather than separately."

Neither Wayne or Dianne deny they are happier now. Even if the pets go hungry from time to time and the house gets a little messy, the Turner family is thankful that school has allowed them to strengthen their family bond.

Animal testing Consumer choices stop abuse

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

'I saw technicians carrying the rabbits by the ears . . . they laughed as animals screeched in pain.' former Gillette technician

Each one of us is guilty of killing hundreds of animals every day. From the time we wake up in the morning, until the time we go to bed at night, we have used products that have been tested on animals.

In 1989 alone, over 300,000 animals were used for various tests in Canada.

Animal testing has been going on for many years. No one really thought of the pain and suffering the animals must go through until groups such as Animal Alliance of Canada, the Ontario Humane Society, and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) brought it to the public's attention.

While many of us didn't think about the ingredients in our shampoos, toothpastes, perfumes, and make-up, the time has come for us to be aware.

Many of the animals used for testing are bought from humane societies. After 72 hours of being picked up, certain humane societies sell the unwanted animals to labs for as little as $4 to $6 each.

From there, the animals are put into cages barely adequate to live. The animals are isolated until the time of the test starts. This could be hours, days, or weeks.

According to a former animal care technician at Gillette laboratories, "...the technicians abused the animals. I saw technicians carrying the rabbits by the ears, swinging them, kicking rabbits that were struggling, and hitting rabbits. Banging on the cages to try to get the animals to stop panicking and struggling — and banging on the cages only made the situation worse. Technicians yelled at animals to stop the screaming. They laughed as animals screeched in pain..."

There are many types of tests performed on the animals. One of the most common is the LD/50 test. A group of animals numbering between 20 and 200 is subjected to punishment. This test is done by forcefeeding the animal increasing doses of a substance. Testing ends when half the animals in the group die.

Another test performed regularly is the Draize test. A group of animals, usually rabbits, are forcibly held while products such as shampoos, bleach, and eye shadow are dropped into their eyes. This process can go on for hours or even days. Reactions include ulcers and complete blindness. To prevent the animal from scratching the eye, the animal is held in restraints. The animals' eyes are then monitored for irritancy.

There are many problems with these tests. For example, white rabbits are used to test eye irritants because of their small size and large eyes. Humans obviously have small eyes, create more tears than rabbits do, and rabbits have a third eyelid which humans do not.

The following are some companies that continue to test on animals: Procter and Gamble Co. and its products — Zest, Crest, Head and Shoulders, Clarion, and Pert; Colgate-Palmolive Co. — Colgate toothpaste, Irish Spring; S.C. Johnson and Son — Agree, Halsa, Edge; Cosmair — L'Oreal, Biotherm, Ralph Lauren "Polo", Lancome; Gillette — Right Guard, Dry Idea, White Rain, Silkience, Tame, Adorn; Chesebrough-Pond's — Faberg'e, Cutex, Pond's, Aim; Clorox; Dow Brands; Schering-Plough — Cover Girl, Clarion, Noxzema.

There are many alternatives to testing on animals. Testing on cell and tissue cultures and human skin cell cultures provide a more accurate response than an animal's. Eyetex (TM), another alternative, predicts eye irritancy by mixing the test substance with certain chemicals. Mathematical and computer models are also used. Literature can be used by using previous tests' results. The Ames test and the CAM test use membranes from a chicken egg.

Companies that do not test on animals include the Body Shop, the Soapberry Shop, Beauty Without Cruelty, Clearly Natural, Ombra, and many more.

The Body Shop is a company based in England whose policy is to use natural ingredients in their products. Products from the Soapberry Shop are also naturally based. Beauty Without Cruelty is produced and sold at local humane societies.

Animals cannot speak for themselves. They cannot tell us when they are hurting. It is our job to protect our little friends with our voices and our money. By not purchasing products tested on animals, by calling representatives in the government and complaining, and by becoming a member of the local animal shelter nearest you are all ways to act against animal testing.

"The day may come when the rest of the animal creation may acquire those rights which never could have been withholden from them but by the hand of tyranny. The question is not can they reason, nor can they talk, but can they suffer?"

Jeremy Bentham

Bumper-to-bumper in coffee lane

By SUE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Students with groping hands, drooling mouths, and grumbling stomachs drive their way into the crowd. It is rush hour once again at Niagara College's mini cafeteria.

Once you successfully pass the ringing of the registers, clanging of the change and slamming of the microwave door, your nostrils are greeted with the welcome aroma of freshly brewed coffee — three gourmet flavors to be whiffed.

The traffic appears to be a one lane course without a passing lane, although the movement is almost in every direction. A U-turn would be an almost fatal move leaving you no other choice than to follow the traffic flow. Not to worry, you can grab your coffee when you swing back around.

The warm dim lights shadow the entire scene making the visibility fairly good for all drivers. If you look beyond your "blind spot" you are able to spot the juicy, shiny hotdogs rotating in a carefree fashion as they cook to perfection. They are simply onlookers of the commotion occurring directly in front of them.

Up ahead at the next stop you will find homemade chocolate chip cookies the size of frisbees—and sometimes as hard. It is a good idea to snag one while there is still a few lying around, besides they go well the coffee you want.

Individual hands reach from behind hoping to reach the homemade muffins neatly tagged with the various flavor types.

Shifting, shoving, shuffling. This small roadway is a chaotic mess of bumper-to-bumper traffic.

The fluorescent lights glaring from the large square fridges strain your eyesight and immediately wake you from falling asleep at the wheel.

The dull cooing hums of the fridge are present but cannot be heard over the clamor of voices, slamming of sliding fridge doors, and the dropping of tin lids on the scalding hot soup.

Single servings neatly wrapped in shiny cellophane entice you with their appearance. Every taste can be satisfied in this one section alone. Square pieces of cheesecake smothered in fruit toppings, cold pizza hidden with immence slices of pepperoni, rice, beans, jello, pudding, salads, salads and salads. You can be sure that the shelves will be empty in no time with the number of people crammed in here for lunch.

Finally the line has moved and you are right in front of the coffee. You deserve the reward for making it through the long detour. You park and pour yourself a heaping cup of steaming pleasure. From behind, a careless freshman approaches you at a high speed for the circumstances. Their nose is raised in the air while their lips support a hot chocolate.

Crash. Two bodies collide. The floor—a space which is rarely ever seen because of all the action—is covered with a mixture of chocolatey liquid and Columbian brew. All others take into account that the pavement is slippery when wet and they progress with caution. You stay and wait for the authorities to realize the mess on the floor and come clean it. Traffic continues to move at its regular insane manner.

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Sports

Niagara Knights basketball defeats Redeemer Royals

The Niagara College men's basketball team beat the Redeemer College Royals by a score of 100-74 on Jan. 22 in Welland.

The Niagara team went from playing like the Minnesota Timberwolves of the National Baskeball Association to playing like the Detroit Pistons in the course of this one game.

Despite a slow start when the Knights only scored 37 points in the first half, the team played like the NBA's Pistons in the second half, scoring a total of 63 points.

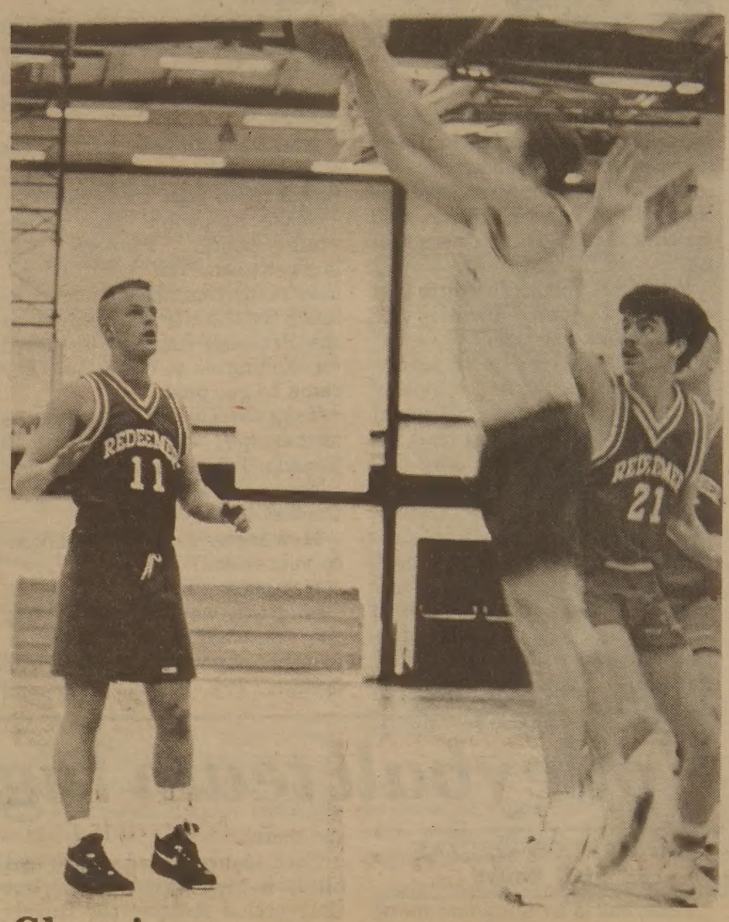
The scoring trio of Rick Sinclair, Paul Weller and Scott Currie combined for 59 points. Sinclair scored 21 points while Weller and Currie got 19 each.

Other scorers were Paul Grummett, 15 points; Merv Wrighton, 10 points; Brady Fitzgerald, six points; Mike Mercier, four points; and Cam Bell, Paul DiPietro and Pat Inneo each getting two points.

Knight's coach Todd Stevens said the team's first half "was the worst half ever. It wasn't ugly, it was IGLY,"

A Jan. 24 game to be played at Lambton College in Sarnia was cancelled. It will be played in February.

The Knight's record is 7-2 on the season. Tonight the team will be playing at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall and tomorrow night at Royal Military College in Kingston.



Ghost jump

Rick Sinclair of Knights (in the white) jumps for a shot on net during a basketball game last week. The Knights came back from behind to beat the Redeemer Royals 100-74. This weekend the team will be travelling to Cornwall and Kingston to try to better their 7-2 record.

Photo by Shannon Stranges

Athlete of the week

SHERYL TREMBLAY

Women's volleyball star Sheryl Tremblay has received the Niagara News athlete of the week honors.

Sheryl, a first-year legal assistant student, is a force to be reckoned with. She consistently maintains a steady pace for the women's squad.

Although the team's playoff hopes are bleak, this 20-year-old is pleased with this year's performance. "I think we've done well for a brand hew team," she said, "I have high hopes for next year."

Volleyball team improves but future is still 'grim'

It's been said on numerous occasions the Niagara College women's volleyball team is steadily improving for a rookie-filled squad. Despite their achievements, the future is grim for any post-season dreams this year.

To date, the team remains in eighth place in Division Two of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA). The top six teams will advance to the regionals, to be held Feb. 21 at Algonquin College in Ottawa.

Although the team's playoff fate will not be known until the end of the season, they are still giving a 100 per cent effort in every game.

The team travelled four hours up the highway to Sarnia's Lambton College Jan. 25 and was successful in grabbing a win from the home team.

Niagara coach Judy Halaiko used the bench to her advantage. "I used every player in every position and the team gelled together."

Niagara won the best-of-five-wins match by scores of 15-6, 10-15, 15-3, and 15-7.

Niagara will see action Feb. 7 for their final regular season game. They will travel to Mohawk College for a 6 p.m. start.

Hockey schedule

HOCKEY — Niagara travels to Buffalo State Jan. 31 for a 7:30 p.m. start. The team will visit Wheatfield's Sabreland Feb. 7 to play the University of Buffalo for 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL — The Niagara squad won't see action again until Feb. 13 when the Georgian College Grizzlies are in town. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL — Niagara's remaining regular season game is Feb. 7 at Mohawk College in Hamilton. Game time is 6 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL — The Knights travel to Toronto's Royal Military College Feb. 1 for a start of 1 p.m. Their next action will be Feb. 7 when they visit Sir Sanford Fleming in Peterborough for an 8 p.m. start.

BADMINTON — Niagara College will play host to the 1992 Ontario Colleges Athletic Association regional finals Feb. 7 and 8. Several games will be played on both dates.

Baseball bursary contest

The Toronto Chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America is offering a $500 bursary, open to any college or university student, for the best original baseball-related story of between 500 and 1,000 words submitted by June 1, 1992.

Submissions can be any writing on professional or amateur baseball, whether published or not.

Entries, including your school affiliation, can be mailed to Baseball Writers' Bursary, c/o Larry Millson, 796 Crawford St., Toronto, Ont. M6G 3K3. Entries will not be returned.

Students blamed for SAC failure

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

"Students just don't care. They have their own lives and that's all they're interested in."

That was the explanation offered by Niagara College's Administrative Council Manager Donna Flutur to the cancelling of the Super Bowl party scheduled for last Sunday in the Welland campus' pub, After Hours.

The party was scrapped due to poor advance ticket sales. SAC decided they needed to sell 100 tickets in advance, by Thursday, for the television huddle to take place.

The $5 cost that covered a pizza and chicken wings buffet as well as the football festivities, appealed to only 15 people on campus - the total number of ticket sales.

SAC officers are perplexed by the lack of participation after advertising by posters all over campus, on the After Hours' billboard, and via a table set-up in the Tecumseh Centre.

Mrs. Flutur guesses the recent failure was due to "students waiting til the last minute for everything or just a non-interest, I don't know."

"It has been an ongoing problem all year," she said, and added "I don't know how to cure it."

According to Mrs. Flutur, SAC will not be employing any new strategies to promote upcoming events at After Hours. She said she believes the afternoon entertainment will continue to enjoy moderate success.

The first five-piece band, Split Second will be playing in the campus pub on Feb. 6. The following week will see Mark LaBelle entertain students on Feb. 11.

Since the students are already in the bar in the afternoon, SAC is content to schedule events for those time periods. As for bar profits, the added liquor service hours have revived the pub's balance sheet.

"We're holding our own, We're not making great profit," said Mrs. Flutur.

Although sales are up she contends students are not over-indulging. In fact, she said a minority of students in the pub consume an alcoholic beverage. She said she hopes the next step will be to extend service from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. instead of closing for 1½ hours at 1:30 p.m. This is a change she doesn't foresee happening until next year.

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A POSTER'S WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

The "Campaign to Combat Date and Acquaintance Rape" is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Sports

Two members of the Knights hockey team fight for the puck along the boards during last night's hockey game. The Knights beat the visiting University of Buffalo Bulls 12-1. Tonight the Knights travel to the University of Buffalo for a rematch.

Photo by Shannon Stranges

Hoath leads scoring

Knights soar to easy victory

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

Imagine a hockey game where most players score at least one point. It's not hard to imagine after watching the Niagara College men's hockey team embarrass the University of Buffalo Bulls by a 12-1 score last Saturday night in Welland.

The Knights were led by Rob Hoath, who scored five goals and two assists, and Dale Zimmerman, who sccored one goal and five assists.

Starting off the Knights' spectacular scoring show was Mike Duerden, just 39 seconds into the first period.

Next for the Knights was Jim Thorpe scoring his first of two goals in the game. Assists went to Trevor Atkins and Rick Ryan.

Zimmerman got his first of five points in the game when his goal put the Knights ahead 3-1. Atkins and Tom Landry assisted on Zimmerman's goal.

Hoath scored two goals within 10 seconds apart to send the Knights back to the dressing room with a 5-1 lead. Assisting on Hoath's goals were Landry, Duerden, Zimmerman, and Chris Karpinchick.

'...we played a more disciplined game.'

The Knights scored only twice in the second period. Rob Lebedick's goal put the Knights ahead 6-1. Assists went to Hoath and Zimmerman. Hoath's third goal of the game came on an Andrew Clark and Zimmerman pass.

With the second period ending, the Knights looked to have an easy victory.

At 9:23 of the third period, Hoath again scored making it 8-1. John Savarie and Karpinchick got assists.

Almost two minutes later, Thorpe scored his second goal of the game on a Ryan and Jason Disher pass.

Savarie got his second point of the period when he scored a goal off a Clark and Kent Loach pass.

Lebedick scored his third point of the game with 5:14 left in the period, with assists going to Hoath and Zimmerman.

With just 1:14 remaining, Hoath scored his fifth goal of the game. Landry and Lebedick assisted on the play.

Making stops like Patrick Roy, Knights' goalie Mike Ticknovich played one of his best games of the season. He stopped 23 of 24 shots on net while his counterpart faced 57 shots on net.

The lone Bulls' goal came at 16:58 of the first period by Jim Ross.

Fred Bassi, Knights' coach, said, "Everyone played well, especially the Zimmerman, Hoath, and Lebedick line."

"We came back in our own zone and we played a more disciplined game," he said.

The Knights' record is 5-4-1 for the season. The team is tied with Conestoga College for third place. Niagara's next game is tonight when they travel to the University of Buffalo.

MINI-METRICS

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By MARK NESBITT
Staff Writer

Just say no to watching sports

When Marx said, "Religion is the opiate of the people," he didn't know about pro football.

By the time you read this, the Super Bowl will be history. And for that, I thank the powers that be.

What is it about pro sports that captures so many loyalties and creates such excitment? Logically, the sight of 10 or 20 highly-paid people playing games most of us used to play for enjoyment shouldn't be such a big deal.

But it is. Enough of a big deal to make professional baseball players worth $25 million because of their ability to throw a ball once every five days. Enough to make players refuse contracts because the city that wants them doesn't offer enough endorsement potential. Enough to cause fans of a particular team to resort to violence when their team is slandered.

Sports is a business. Teams can pay the big salaries because they know the fans will pay more to see a bigger star. It's a never-ending cycle.

And what do you, the fan, get out of a sports team? Bragging rights when your team wins?

Wake up people. They're not your team. Players are businessmen, but most of all, they're mercenaries. Most care as much for the city they play in as the Prussian mercenaries cared for Wellington at Waterloo. They came to get paid.

Take the Toronto Blue Jays as an example. The darlings of all Canada. Toronto's favorite team. Players say they love to play at the Skydome.

How many Jays live in Toronto year-round?

Not one.

And why not? Try taxes. Try the fact that contracts are inevitably negotiated in American dollars. Try greed, plain and simple.

I used to enjoy hockey. Part of the enjoyment was the simple pleasure of knowing the game was fun for most of the players.

Now that lawyers are as common as jockstraps in hockey, a lot of the fun is gone.

So why do many people adopt sports teams as their foster children?

Simply put, (and I'll be hiding for a while after this), their lives must be boring as hell. It doesn't say much about the quality of lif when your best moments ar available free on video with a subscription to Sports Illustrated.

If you doubt what I say, try this little test: for the next week, avoid all sports. Don't watch them, don't talk about them, don't read the sports section. Find something else to watch, to read, to talk about.

If you can't hack it, cold turkey, for one week, you should start to worry.

You've got something better to do, don't you?

Volleyball team high as kite

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

Volleyball is an emotional sport, and if team momentum isn't high, be prepared to lose. If this holds true, the Niagara College men's volleyball team is high as a kite.

The Knights sent the George Brown Huskies into hibernation as Niagara went the limit and captured the best-of-five wins match on home turf last Thursday.

George Brown saw a five-point lead in the first game diminish as Niagara's Fernando Colavecchia's six kills led the team to a 15-12 win.

The second game was not as successful for Niagara, despite Jim Konrad's seven kills. George Brown won by a score of 15-9. Both teams tightened their defences with Niagara coming out on top in a close 17-15 match. Greg Heyder, Konrad, and Colavecchia had five kills each.

A questionable sideout call by the official dampened Niagara's momentum in the fourth game, resulting in George Brown's 16-14 win, forcing a fifth and deciding game.

Niagara got back on track with an incredible kill by Dave Beauchamp on a tight pass George Brown was positive was going to set. A stunned George Brown squad could not outlast the powerful home team, as Niagara gained intensity at the net and won the game and the match handily 15-8.

Defensively, Brent Roszell led Niagara with seven spikes, followed by Heyder's six.

The previous evening, Niagara's trip to Redeemer College in Ancaster was described by coach Ray Sarkis as "the most exciting match of the season" in front of over 200 boisterous Redeemer Royal fans.

A pumped Niagara team headed into the match knowing third place in the Ontario College's Athletic Association Division Two league was on the line. A quick thinking Niagara team went ahead two games to none, but lost the remaining three games and the match.

Both teams traded spikes and blocks in the first two games, but Colavecchia stopped the Royals cold. Niagara won by the scores of 15-6 and 15-10.

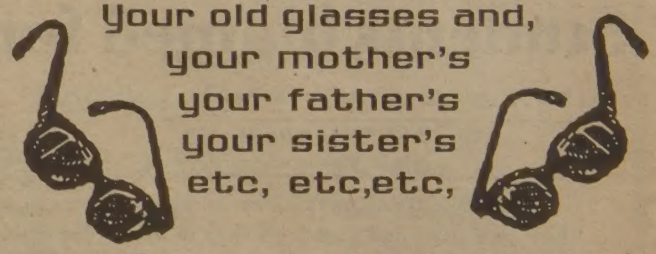
In the third game, numerous careless errors allowed Redeemer to gain much needed momentum to win the game 15-5.

Niagara jumped to a 4-0 lead in the fourth game, but defensive blunders allowed Redeemer to bounce back to take a commanding 13-6 lead and win the game 15-11. Heyder led Niagara with five kills and Konrad made four kills.

The home fans boosted Redeemer's confidence with the tide shifting in its favor. They won the game by a comfortable 15-7 margin. The win moved Redeemer into a three-way tie for third place in Division Two of the OCAA with Niagara and George Brown. Each team has a 7-5 record.

Niagara has one remaining regular season game, to be played Feb. 13 when Georgian College visits for a 7:30 p.m. starting time. Division Two regional finals will take place at Conestoga College, Kitchener, Feb. 21 and 22.

Wanted - Used Glasses



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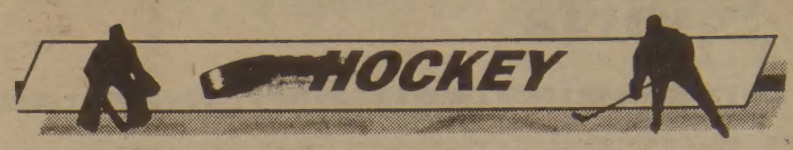


Aiming to excel top priority for hockey Knight

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

There are people who love hockey, and there are people who live hockey. Brian Neilson, a second-year Human Relations student, is someone who lives hockey.

This 25-year-old St. Catharines native is a rookie standout defenseman with the Niagara College Knights hockey team.

After playing eight years of no-contact hockey, including the past three years in a St. Catharines Spartan league, Brian was anxious to join the International Collegiate Hockey League.

"I wanted to see if I could play with men who play at a higher calibre," he said. "I wasn't worried about playing. I was only concerned about making the team."

Brian is unhappy with his points total so far this season. In 15 games he has accumulated 12 points. "I like to skate with the puck," he said, "but being a defenseman hinders that opportunity."

The Knights square off against American colleges on the ICHL, including Penn State, Buffalo State, University of Buffalo, and Erie Community College. Niagara and Conestoga College are the only Canadian teams.

Canadian players are known for their physical play, creating a continuing rivalry between Niagara and Conestoga.

"There is a lot of fighting and hitting," Brian said. "It's simply two Canadian teams vying to be the best (at our national sport)."

Compared to Canadian hockey, Brian feels the style south of the border is harder to learn.

"Americans are quick with very accurate passes," he said. "They're very precise in the neutral zone."

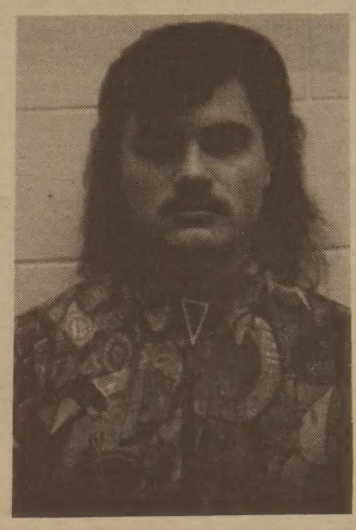
PENN STATE

Penn State is the only team which gives Niagara a rough time. In three games this season, Penn State has beaten Niagara twice by scores of 10-2, 10-3 and tied one game 5-5.

"The league is tough, but not as challenging as I thought it would be," said Brian.

A highlight for Brian this season was the journey to Penn State last November, although great pressure was placed on the Niagara team.

"They made us feel very small because the school was so big," he said, referring to the student population of 55,000. "It's a weird feeling having 2,000 fans against you."



BRIAN NEILSON

Student apathy has not gone unnoticed at Niagara.

"It would be nice to look up in the stands to even see 100 people at our games," he added, "but people are unaware of us."

Brian feels Niagara is a general community college where people are attending only to work at an education. "They aren't interested in school spirit."

Outside of school, Brian enjoys competing in a variety of sports, including no-contact hockey, ball hockey and coaching Kiwanis Little League hockey.

KNEE INJURY

"I love kids and I love to see them grow into hockey players," he said. "I want to be on the ice as much as I can to keep in shape too." He is recovering from torn cartilage in his left knee suffered in a game against Conestoga prior to the Christmas break. Arthoroscopic surgery is required once the season is over.

The continuous hockey action results in many late nights at the rink. Combining hockey and school has not been an easy task for him. "I find enough time to do my school work, but I am held down," said Brian, who listens to an hour of loud dance music prior to each game for momentum. "Luckily, my course isn't very demanding, but my marks have suffered."

HELPING KIDS

After graduation, Brian hopes to work with runaways and children without parents. "I just want to excel in as much as I can possibly do," he said, "and being with kids, whether it's coaching them or helping them get their life in order, is the best thing I could do."

Do you know what's happening in the NHL?

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

Today is Friday. The Super Bowl ended five days ago. Are you, a Buffalo Bills fan, suffering from post-Super-Bowl loss for the second year in a row? You are? Well, too bad! Get a life people! The Bills are not meant to be champs, this year or ever!

Now that I have said my piece, let me get on with what I want to talk about. Hockey!

Yes, sports fans, the National Hockey League season is half over and do any of you know who is in first? Hmm, do you? Well, for those of you too interested in Jim Kelly's arm, the Montreal Canadiens own the number 1 spot with 66 points (as of Monday). Second place belongs to the New York Rangers with 64 points, while the Vancouver Canucks hold third with 63 points. Both Detroit Red Wings and the Washington Capitals have 62 points.

Brett Hull of the St. Louis Blues may have the most goals on the season with 49, but Mario Lemieux still holds the lead for most points with 80.

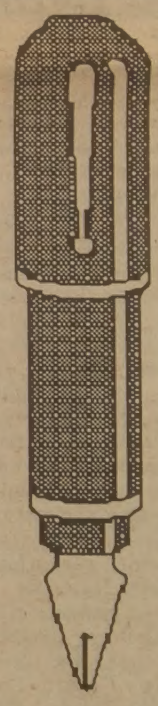
For anyone who cares, Eric Lindros is still holding out on the Quebec Nordiques. Anybody care to wager on Eric accidentally breaking a leg and never being able to play hockey again?

The big issue this season is players "abusing" officials. So far, four players have been suspended for pushing or bumping the referees. Stu Grimson of the Blackhawks, Wendel Clark of the Leafs, Alexander Mogilny of the Sabres, and Jaromir Jagr of the Penguins have all had to sit out as many as 10 games for their actions.

As is usually the case, the Toronto Maple Leafs are near the basement of the NHL. Actually, the new expansion team in California, the San Jose Sharks are the worst team with 26 points. Next are the Quebec Nordiques with 29 points, while the Leafs have 33 points.

The greatest team to ever wear a hockey jersey, I guess I have to say this is only my opinion, the Boston Bruins, are coming on slowly this season. The team's 52 points reflect the injuries the team has suffered. Cam Neely recently returned to action after having a hip injury.

Now that you are somewhat up to date on the goings on in the NHL, you can now sit down and watch hockey games to your heart's content.



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Sports

Rookie adds up on, off ice

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

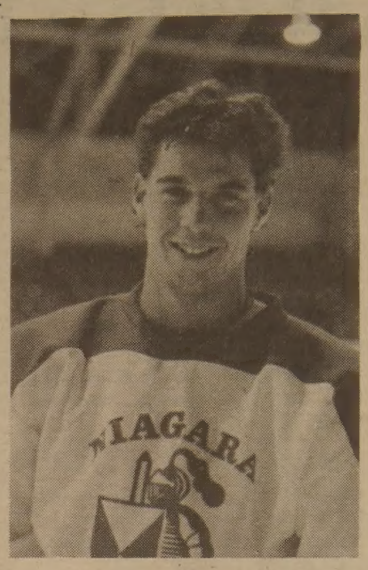
"Jim Thorpe takes the puck on the blue line, dekes a Kats defenceman. He skates past the centre line. He goes in on net. He shoots. He scores! Jim Thorpe has scored the game-winning goal for the Niagara Knights."

Well, okay, maybe that's not the way it happened, but Niagara Knights' left-winger Jim Thorpe is a quick skater, has scored game-winning goals, and is third in points for the college's hockey team, behind Jason Disher and Rick Ryan.

The 22-year-old Niagara Falls, Ont. native has been skating since he was three years old. While playing organized hockey in Merritton St. Catharines, he played against boys one or two years older than himself.

Jim then went on to play Jr. B for three years with Fort Erie, Bramalea, and Niagara Falls. Before playing for the Knights, Jim played a year with the Humber College hockey team.

His goal is to play in Europe. He said he'd "probably go to Italy because of its different culture."



JIM THORPE

Jim has played against Oshawa Generals' superstar Eric Lindros and against Frank Petrangelo, goalie for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Besides playing hockey, Jim also plays defence for the Niagara College indoor soccer team.

Playing since he was 14 years old, soccer has kept Jim in shape for hockey season.

Weekends see Jim playing on a men's football team and a men's volleyball team.

Sports is not the only thing that keeps Jim busy. He is in the first year of the Manufacturing Engineering program at Niagara College's Welland campus. While some people might find juggling sports and school hard, Jim has very few problems.

"In the beginning of the semester, Tuesdays and Wednesdays were heavy days because of soccer and hockey. It got better as the semester went on."

Jim, like his favorite player and team, Rick Tocchet and the Philadelphia Flyers, plays on what is considered a potent line. According to Knights hockey coach, Fred Bassi, he is a "quality hockey player." Unlike the infamous Olympic medal winner Jim Thorpe, this Jim Thorpe has not won any Olympic medals.

NHL: Why do we love the fighting?

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

Picture this: you're at a hockey game in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium. The Sabres and Boston Bruins are wrapped up in the division rival grudge match of the week. The third period is nearing an end with the score deadlocked at 2-2. Not a fight has broken out at this point, but tensions are mounting as players bump one another and vocally exchange cheap shots about their mothers.

This game has been anticipated as a penalty-filled brawl. The Boston Bruins are world-renowned for their grinding toughness. The big, bad Bruins of the 1970s, including Terry O'Reilly and Mike Milbury have the fans drooling over possible bloody noses and broken bones given by the Bruin bruisers of the '90s, including Chris Nilan and Lyndon Byers.

The minutes are winding down and the fans are waiting for a full-fledged butt thrashing. The odd tripping infraction is assessed, but the fans are crying for a fight. Just when it looks like the tempers are flaring, the linesmen move in to break things up.

Ten seconds remain on the clock. Could there be a brawl? Every person in Memorial Auditorium, eyes widening as the seconds tick away, anticipates the ringing of the time buzzer. It arrives. Without a moment's notice, the players scurry to their respective dressing rooms.

Choruses of boos echo throughout the building. "I paid good money to see a bunch of wussies float on the ice," blasts a furious fan.

Snore! Now honestly, would you shell out anywhere between $15 and $40 to see the most hyped game of the week turn up a flop? If you promptly argued yes, you're one of a rare breed.

Hockey violence has reached its highest peak in history. Fans turn out in droves, drooling over the thought of flying fists and broken bones. The excitement of watching 220 pounds of flesh plummel each other to near death is a welcomed sight. Why is the violence necessary?

In layman's terms: no fights, no fans. It's as simple as that. Skirmishes excite hard-nosed hockey fanatics.

Over the last decade, more hockey superstars have arrived on the National Hockey League sence, including Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Brett Hull, Cam Neely and Steve Yzerman. If you're a Detroit fan, wouldn't you enjoy seeing scrappy winger Bob Probert crush the likes of a player like Cam Neely?

Fans don't want to see a player go down with permament career-threatening injuries, but a black eye and broken nose is a turn-on. It's the thrill calling such finesse superstars wimps and crybabies.

The fans' mentality must be questioned. Who in their right mind would get pleasure from seeing players in agony? I guess it's in the way you look at it. Many average, 40-hours-a-week working people find themselves captivated by gory action movies, or explicit news footage, so why should the odd hockey brawl be any different?

Next time you're at a hockey game, of any league, be aware of your reactions to the violence. Rest assured you won't be the lone person in the crowd with flying popcorn and shouting censored bleeps. You're not morbid. You're simply normal.

Destiny's sponsors soccer team

An agreement was reached last week between the Niagara College men's indoor soccer team and the athletic department to continue play for the second half of the Men's B Division season.

Between $650 and $700 was needed for necessities, including the rental of the Welland Indoor Soccer Dome for three months.

The team agreed to play the first half of the school year with all costs paid by the athletic department, but the request to play another half season resulted in only 25 per cent of the required amount paid by the school.

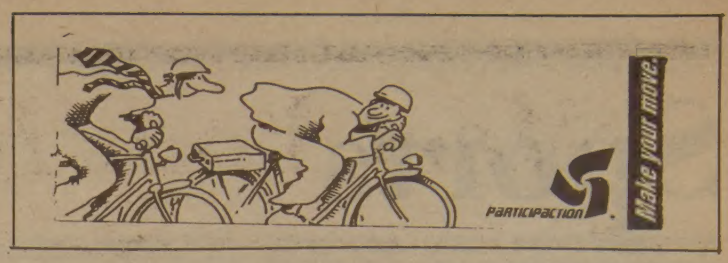
"The team went out and got a sponsor (Destiny's, a restaurant-bar in Welland) to help raise the rest of the funds," said athletic coordinator Peter Rylander.

The team will compete in the St. Lawrence College Invitational tournament today and tomorrow versus various Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) teams.

They will also travel to Sudbury's Cambrian College March 6 and 7 for the OCAA regional finals.

Due to prior personal commitments, Niagara coach Ed Fox is unable to attend the regional finals, and handed over his coaching responsibilities to Steve Celestini. Fox will take on assistant coaching duties.

Niagara, who play against teams from Niagara Falls and St. Catharines, will take on a new look as a variety of player changes are expected. Practice try-outs will be held this week to determine a final player roster.



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New vice-chairman on Board

Simple secret to happiness

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

ANNE AUDET-GIROUX

Many careers sacrifice happiness and peace of mind to fill requirements of workdays that start early, end late, and include little personal time.

For a woman who's career has included raising a family, heading boards and committees, teaching all grade levels, consulting in education, practising as an artist and sharing a business partnership, life just might be hell.

But for Anne-Audet Giroux, the 55-year-old vice-chairman of the Niagara College Board of Governors, whose 25-year career unfolds like a marathon-of-work manual, happiness and peace of mind are an attitude necessary to her career. Her secret is simple.

"I've always had fun when I work," she said, smiling as if it were natural for work and enjoyment to be one and the same. A principle she said is paramount to survival.

Relaxed looking, and engergetic, she spoke of her life and career from her office, a second-floor workspace crammed with documents and reports, the bookshelves lined with French titles, at Welland's Confederation Secondary School (Ecole Secondaire Confederation). She freelances for the Niagara South Board of Education, preparing a major operational document.

The smartly-dressed, articulate woman explained how the love of her work allows her to enjoy life — even feel relaxed — during work and because of work.

"I think it's important for everyone to enjoy their life because it's what they do, because their joy in life becomes their forte."

Such an attitude thrusts value into Mrs. Giroux's position as vice-chairman on the college board and chairman of the executive committee. On the board, she represents the educational expert from the Niagara community, just as each of the other 11 appointed board members must bring their own special knowledge to fill out the board's community spectrum. Others are specialists in law, health, business or finance.

Education has dominated Mrs. Giroux's working-life, from an early-career, one-year teaching stint immediately after her Grade 13 graduation, to now, as a freelance consultant writing a major review document for the Niagara board of education. Her current one-year effort will guide the school board in major policy decisions.

For all Niagara's secondary schools, "I am reviewing all subjects and services, setting up and co-ordinating all the research and material for the publication," she said, "upon which the (school) board will base a future plan of action."

Several years ago, while working for the Ontario Ministry of Education, she published a similar work the province used to revise the guidelines for visual arts in public education — Mrs. Giroux's specialty.

Mrs. Giroux, a college governor for five years, said her educational expertise has fulfilled the college board of governors mandate of community representation. But her dual role, including liaison with Niagara's French community, adds to her overall educational input to the board.

"I've been there (on the college board) to facilitate the college's transition to French studies, to communicate with the francophone sector and to plan for the new French language college planned for southern Ontario," she said of her special interests at Niagara College beyond numerous, regular board duties.

'...working with my paintings, these are my real pleasures.'

Mrs. Giroux, married with two daughters, Michelle and Martine, splits her time among her responsibilities on the college board and her own many interests, including M.Y. Giroux Enterprises, a consulting firm she shares with her husband, Marc-Yvain Giroux. But she always leaves time for what she said she loves most.

"I relax with a nice balance of time: my family life and circle of good friends . . . making a home . . . working with my paintings, these are my real pleasures," she said, with barely an accentual hint betraying her perfect bilingualism. Her eldest daughter, Michelle, is a second-year journalism student at the college.

Her three university degrees, including a masters in education and "all the legwork for (her) Phd," support her ability to both educate and emulate her wealth of experience in education from her position on the board.

Teaching, she said, is her fondest accomplishment. "Over the years, I've taught every grade, from one to 13, in Ontario."

For the college board, "the greatest task ahead lies in building and organizing the new St. Catharines campus and implementing the master plan," she said, adding, "the board's property committee is close to choosing the new site."

Next year, Mrs. Giroux will automatically move up to chair the board, filling the top position for the final year of her term as a governor.

Until then she hopes to concentrate on some of her main concerns for the college. "Student residences, better transit, and making both courses and programs more flexible, are important," she said.

Painting, oils and watercolors, became a profession from a love of education. Her practical, artistic skill developed from the love of art cultured by years of work in the visual arts field of education. Her masters degree, from the State University of New York, concentrated on visual arts.

"Some day, when I'm more established as an artist, I'd like to do more to help children develop artistic skills," she said, with a standard, warm smile, as if relishing the thought of yet another challenge.

Education as a whole, Mrs. Giroux said, especially regarding relations between secondary and post-secondary schools, needs more rapport.

"We need even more communication. There must be a continuous dialogue between what's been learned and what will be learned," she said.

Like all her work, Mrs. Giroux enjoys her unpaid job on the board of govenors, she said.

And confirming her belief in mixing work and pleasure as a compatable pair whenever possible, she concluded: "We love to travel . . . and do a little (art) research along the way."

Activities organized

Administration from the Western Region Colleges Association is organizing activities for staff, support staff and faculty at its six campuses. The colleges in the association include Conestoga, Fanshawe, Lambton, Mohawk, Niagara, St. Claire and each of the colleges' satellite campuses.

For example, Niagara College will be hosting a Partners in Management conference at the Viscount Inn in Niagara Falls, on March 24, 25, and 26. Six participants from each of the Western Region Colleges will meet to share management techniques.

A Great Teachers Seminar will be held May 19, 20, and 21 in Ridgetown, Ont. It is sponsored by the Western Region Colleges Association. Approximately 10 faculty members can attend.

A Support Staff Getaway Conference is set for June 16, 17, and 18 in Ridgetown, Ont. Approximately 10 support staff members will be able to attend.

On Jan. 23, the MacUsers Group had its second meeting and has decided to survey the community colleges to find out the different types of hardware used and how best they can meet the needs of those who use MacIntosh computers.

A central information depot containing catalogues, books and other research and reading paraphernalia is being organized for anyone in the college to use. The exact destination for the information centre is unknown at this time.

For more information call Ed Wilson, consultant in the Human Relations Department, ext. 7761.

Trips not always fun

For students, taking a trip can be very exciting, especially at spring break time. With all the excitement, they often forget how dangerous it can be travelling to a different country.

There have been cases of murder and rape involving students who travel to other countries.

Other countries have different customs and laws, so it is important to know what they are in advance. Spending time in a foreign jail is not something many students would want to do.

Students love to party — sometimes the only purpose of these trips. Large amounts of alcohol being consumed and girls prancing around in bikinis can be a dangerous combination. Young women should never walk around by themselves, especially at night.

It is important to watch your valuables closely. Local thieves 'love' the benefits of visiting tourists. Never leave cash or other valuables exposed in your motel room, maids have been known to take things. Some people in these countries will not hesitate to take advantage of a foreigner's lack of knowledge.

If travelling outside of Canada, it is important to have the telephone number of the Canadian Embassy.

Being careful doesn't mean you won't have a good time, it means you will come home safe.

OHIP provides coverage

Niagara College students going to Daytona Beach or Cancun, Mexico for spring break will be happy to hear that OHIP provides medical coverage anywhere in the world.

However, OHIP will only pay back the amount the medical service costs in Canada.

For example, if a student receives treatment in Mexico for a bad sunburn and the cost for this service is $100, but for the same treatment in Canada it costs $38, OHIP will only pay back that amount.

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New college club rocks Tecumseh

First soiree complete success

Pleased with last Friday's social held in the Tecumseh Lounge on the Welland campus, the Non-Traditional Students Asociation has already planned several future events. From left are Diana Harris, a founding member; executive officers: Baron Bedesky and Bill Beaudoin; faculty adviser Carole Timm; executive officer Tony Vandermaas; and in front is Bill's daughter, Sarah. The group aims to address the needs of the college students who do not fit the traditional mould of direct enrolment from high school.

Photo by Jason Darrah

"Extremely successful" and "great atmosphere" were expressions used by those who attended the Non-Traditional Students Association first social event Jan. 24 in the Tecumseh Lounge on the Welland campus.

Nearly 50 people including association members, their guests, and children enjoyed an evening of socializing, food, drink, and live music. The evening was designed to provide an alternative form of entertainment as well as inform guests about the association's goals.

The buffet style dinner was potluck with food ranging from salads, cheese, and coldcuts to cookies.

Bill Beaudoin, 37, a first-year business administration student and member of the association's four-person executive, helped organize the event by booking the musicians. He has had extensive experience as a disc-jockey, knows a lot of local musicians, and has been involved in the local music scene for a long time.

"This was very, very, very successful," says Beaudoin. "all the people who missed tonight should get out to the next gathering. There's good food and music."

Most of the people in attendance stayed for the majority of the evening.

Second-year journalism student Mark Denis, 21, was especially impressed. "Everything was beautifully accomodating. There was a great atmosphere of cooperation." Denis said everyone in the room enjoyed the music, and it was particularly nice " to talk without screaming."

First-year general college student Linda Landry, 37, agreed and pointed out she especially enjoyed the casual, homey atmosphere, "The music broke the ice," she said. "It wasn't heavy music but set the mood and made it comfortable to socialize."

Several different musicians took the opportunity to step up to the mike including singer/guitarist John Scapillato of Dunnville, guitarist/flutist/vocalist Cary Clouser of Welland and keyboardist Rob Anderson, also of Welland. Anderson and Clouser are both members of the Welland based five-piece rock band *Oracle*, while Scapillato, who grew up with Clouser, has been performing in the area.

Anderson said he appreciated the opportunity to play in such intimate confines. "I love this sort of thing. It was impromptu and a cozy atmosphere. It's better than a large crowd...real loose."

Anyone interested in getting more information about the association or perhaps becoming a member can telephone the college and ask for extension 7750.

Another general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 6 at 12:30 p.m. in room S203, on the second floor of the Simcoe building.

Cary Clouser whistles a Jethro Tull number for Friday's social. Accompanying him are impromptu guests Rob Anderson on the ivory and Brian Bozzato on guitar.

Photo by Jason Darrah

Sarah Beaudoin, 5, and Stacey Brown, 8 ½, children of non-traditional students, Bill Beaudoin and Belinda Brown, danced to '70s music at last Friday's first social for the Non-Traditional Students' Association.

Photo by Diana Harris

AIDS cases on campus pose no new threat

By TARA GRIGG
Staff Writer

Although there may be students with AIDS at Niagara College or who are HIV positive, students are not at risk of catching the disease.

According to the AIDS Committee of Niagara, the number of reported AIDS cases in the Niagara region is 55. The number of HIV positive individuals is 98. These numbers are accumulated since 1983.

"The biggest risk to students of catching AIDS, and the most common way, is through sexual intercourse," said Carolyn Hurst, Niagara College's campus nurse.

Students who are having sex without using a condom are "at a very high risk" for AIDS.

Remember, you are sleeping with everyone your partner has been with, she said. She insists students be aware and interview the person they are considering having sex with.

Condoms are accessible to all students in the washrooms located around the campus.

AIDS is a disease which attacks the body's immune system, making it unable to resist invasion by several microorganisms that cause serious infections.

It is characterized by severe weight loss, fatigue, and frequently by neurological problems due to damage of cells of the brain.There is a chance of certain cancers, especially Kaposi's sarcoma, which shows up as purple lesions on the skin, and tumors known as B-cell lymphomas.

55 AIDS cases in Niagara region

AIDS is transmitted through intimate sexual contact, blood, from mothers to their babies in the uterus, and from infected mother's milk. Another leading means of transmission and spread of the virus is through the use of blood-contaminated needles by intravenous drug abusers.

There are many misconceptions about AIDS. You can not catch AIDS by hugging. Casual contact is not a risk factor for infection and blood donors are not at risk of catching the disease. Also, AIDS is not a gay disease.

Before a reliable test for screening blood was developed, a major route of transmission was through transfusions of contaminated blood.

The first chemical shown to be partially effective in reducing clinical symptoms and controlling viral replication is Zidovudine, formerly called Azidothymidine. It was developed in 1986-87. The fatality rate from AIDS indicates that few, if any, individuals with AIDS are likely to survive in the long run, until some adequate treatment is developed.

In 1990, the World Health Organization announced that 203,599 cases of AIDS were reported worldwide by the end of 1989, and estimated the actual number of cases to be 600,000.